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Step in the Right Direction

Proposal of the county parks and planning commissions to form a county park district to cover all of Morrow with the exception of those places where districts are already formed or being formed (Boardman and Irrigon) is a step in the right direction for progress of the county.

It has been said with truth time and again that recreational development presents one of our best hopes for progress in this area. Use of Bull Prairie's facilities has far exceeded expectations and well illustrates what such development will do in bringing people here from other areas. At the same time this sort of development offers recreational outlets for our own residents.

Formation of a park district to finance the development and maintenance of parks has several advantages: 1. It would spread the cost over the broadest base, thus dividing the expense among the most potential users, or beneficiaries, with a minimum burden on each. 2. It would provide a central organization for operation and maintenance with full responsibility without depending on separate organizations and agencies. 3. It would provide the needed organization to obtain federal matching funds, since some responsible agency is required for this purpose by the government. 4. It would make possible the development of park facilities across the county within the means available, and its work could be coordinated with the Boardman and Irrigon districts on recreational developments possible with the coming of the John Day dam pool.

There is every reason to believe that such a district would be a wise investment of taxpayers' funds. Recreational development almost certainly will bring some added prosperity to the county; it will make this a more desirable place to live; and it will bring enjoyment to our people.

It is of significance that Orville Cutsforth is a leader in this proposal for he has been a consistent exponent, too, in keeping property taxes at a minimum and in insisting on the best use of the tax dollar. Cutsforth has done a great deal towards recreational development in Morrow county and has been forward-looking on this matter. The results of his efforts, among which were the establishment of Cutsforth park as enjoyed year around by many persons, both at home and from elsewhere.

Plans are to implement the formation of the district as soon as possible if public support is forthcoming. More details will be spelled out in the weeks ahead, and an election will be held to make the decision.

At this time, all that is asked is that the public give the proposal an open ear and consider the facts and possibilities as they are presented.

School Bells



By DAVID R. POTTER
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Oregon Small Schools Project

Last year the Morrow county board agreed to participate in the State Small High School Improvement project. Fifty-seven other school districts in Oregon are also participating.

During this past school year Ione High School and Riverside High School have completed a detailed self-evaluation of their program, staff preparation, schedule, building, equipment, supplies and the many phases of the total high school program.

When this self-evaluation was completed, it in turn, was evaluated by the State Department of Education. The next step in this project consisted of an evaluation team composed of six to eight educators, consultants, board members and others, visiting the school and developing a team evaluation of the school. This was completed for both Ione and Riverside during April.

The third phase of this program consists of a curriculum development workshop for the small high schools. This workshop is currently in session. We have the following in attendance:

Harold Beggs principal, Ione schools; James Marvin, instructor, Ione High school; Ronald Daniels, principal, Riverside; David Potter, district superintendent.

Some of the specific topics that will be considered in this weeklong session are:

1. Individualization as an Approach to Small School Improvement
2. Using Knowledge of Pupil Characteristics, Teacher Competence and Appropriate Learning Experience to Construct Strategies that Epitomize Individual Students' Learning.
3. Strategies for Individualizing Instruction in Small Schools.
4. Curriculum Materials and Facilities for Individualizing Instruction.
5. Administrative Arrangements in a Small School for Individualizing Instruction.
6. Developing an Instructional Design for Small Schools.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital from June 2-13 for medical care, and were discharged, include the following: Ada Amis, Dale; Evelyn Harmon, Heppner; Lee Hams, Ione; Teena and John Lindstrom, Ione; Linda Keithley, Heppner; Richard Schaffer, Fossil; Newt O'Hara, Lexington; Eva Hudson, Heppner; William Wood, Condon; Cheryl Lundell, Ione; Edward Hall, Kinzua, and Frank Hunsacker, Spray.

Those who were admitted, and are still receiving medical care, include the following: Loyd Cagle, Mt. Airy, N. C.; Joy Benson, Heppner; James Campbell, Condon; Neva Matteson, Heppner, and Louis St. Onge, Mikalko.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Way of Lexington became parents of a son, Mark Duane, on Monday, June 6, weighing 7 lb., 1/2 oz. He joins a sister, Lou Ann, and a brother, Bruce Allen. Maternal grandparents are John C. Robinson and Dorothy B. Hayes, both of Goldendale, Wn.

A son joined the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Meyers of Ione on Friday, June 10. Little Mark Gordon weighed 7 lb., 5 oz., and joins a sister, Lisa Kay. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Graham of Mercer Island, Wn., and great-grandparents are Mrs. Evelyn McCool of Bendleton and Mrs. Clint McCauley of Dayton, Wn. Paternal grandparents are Fred C. Meyers of Joseph and Mrs. May Patsky of Arlington, Wn.

OSU Graduates Receive Degrees

Among those who received degrees from Oregon State University Sunday, June 5, were four students from Morrow county.

Ronnie Belsma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, Heppner, received a bachelor's degree from the School of Education.

Kenneth Lynn Smouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Ione, received a bachelor's degree from the School of Science.

Dick Ruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. "Buck" Ruhl of Lexington, received a master's degree in Health Education with a minor in Counseling and Guidance.

Mrs. Steve Fenton, the former Libby Van Scholack, received her bachelor's degree in Home Economics. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Van Scholack of Hermiston who formerly lived in Heppner.

4 Counties Talk On Federal Funds For Recreation

At the request of Gilliam County Judge James O. Burns and E. R. Fatland, Gilliam county parks member, a meeting was held in the Gilliam County courthouse Friday, June 3, to discuss possible ways to use advantageously the federal land and water conservation funds that are being made available to the states and other political subdivisions on a matching basis and under certain restrictions.

The meeting was attended by County Judge Paul Jones, Orville Cutsforth and Clarence Rosewall, all of Morrow county; Jack Steiwer of Wheeler county; Orva Dyer, Charles Quinn, Judge Burns and Fatland from Gilliam county, as well as Gary Woodring, assistant director for recreation, of Salem who was there to explain the program and answer questions.

The federal funds were made available to the various states by an act of Congress which sets aside for the next 25 years the income from fees collected from visitors to the national parks for the purpose of expanding local and state parks and recreation areas. Oregon's share of these funds for the past year is approximately \$1,200,000. Under the direction of the state Highway Commission, 40% of the funds is made available to the various counties on a population basis, provided they match a like amount with their own funds and the remaining 60% is retained for state park purposes.

All projects on which federal funds are expended must comply with bureau of outdoor recreation specifications. The four adjoining counties have available in federal funds around \$6,000,000 each this year. Future fund allotment will depend upon receipts of the National Park system.

In addition to these funds a portion of the receipts from boat licenses and marine fuel tax is available, but these funds must be spent on marine facilities, such as moorage, launching ramps and policing marine areas. Gilliam, Sherman and Morrow counties, all bordering on the area in the Columbia river which will be covered by the pool of the John Day dam, must naturally defer construction until the dam is completed. Wheeler county might possibly utilize the marine funds at some spots on the John Day river or inland lakes.

Most Oregon counties have full time engineers or paid parks personnel trained in drawing up plans and specifications with federal requirements. None of the four counties have ever had need for this type of employee heretofore. The purpose of the meeting was to seek means whereby the four counties might join in a cooperative effort to secure the services of anyone who was competent to draw up plans and specifications for such projects as seemed feasible. Each county would bear its share of expense.

It is understood that if the federal funds allotted to each county by the state are not used in the allotted time, they will be made available to the other Oregon counties who are willing and able to meet the requirements. Otherwise the funds will revert to the State Highway Department to be spent for state park purposes. It is hoped that a retired engineer or any other competent or trained person might be located in the near future as this year's allotted funds must be claimed within the next 60 days. Representatives of all four counties have expressed approval of the cooperative approach. Final acceptance of the director will be the responsibility of each of the county courts.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IN STUDYING history as far back as grade school days we have read much about the Whitman Mission, near Walla Walla, and the Whitman Massacre. Like most persons interested in the history of the Northwest, we have been fascinated by the story of perseverance, sacrifice and eventual tragedy.

This story came into focus much better for us Sunday when we stopped at the National Historic Site of the Whitman Mission and spent a couple hours in the fine museum there and traveled the trails provided around the site. How interesting it was to get the real perspective on the Whitman Mission.

The museum contains artifacts that have been recovered from the mission which was destroyed in 1847, and it contains the full pictorial story of the Whitmans' trek to the Northwest in 1836, their trials and tribulations in starting the mission, and the hardships endured.

Narcissa Whitman, wife of Marcus Whitman, and Eliza Spalding, wife of Henry Spalding, a missionary who came with Whitman, were the first white women to come overland to the Northwest. Their trip helped open the territory to the migrations that were to follow. The Whitmans, alone in this new land, worked valiantly in an attempt to teach the Cayuse Indians and to minister to them. The massacre occurred 11 years after the mission was founded after an outbreak of measles among the Cayuse people resulted in death of half of their number. The Cayuse numbered only about 500, and white man's measles, which were brought by the Indians, cut the tribe to half. They didn't have the resistance to the disease which the white man had experienced enough to learn to combat.

Tragedy was a rather frequent occurrence for the Whitmans. Their only child drowned at the age of 27 months, and this spot is marked at the Historic Site. The Interior Department has constructed a paved trail around the beautiful setting, and it has 12 stations which mark some particular point of interest about the mission. Press a button on a metal box beside the trail and a voice tells a portion of the Whitman story that relates to the particular spot.

As one travels this trail, he can easily visualize what it must have been like 130 years ago when the Whitmans arrived. The millpond that Whitman developed to power his grist mill has been reconstructed and the dikes he installed are still holding. Outlines of the mission house, the blacksmith

shop, and the Emigrant house and laid out with concrete blocks, as true to the size of the originals as possible. One section of the foundation of the mission house is revealed through a glass enclosure. Remains of the foundation remains buried under its dirt cover to protect it from the elements and vandalism.

On top of the hill that Narcissa often climbed to wait the return of her husband from some trip is a monument erected years ago, and at another location is the Great Grave where the remainder of the 13 who were killed in the massacre are buried.

As one views the lush green area with bustling Walla Walla only a few miles away, he can't help but think what it was like when only a few white men and Indians were there.

In visiting with a few around Heppner since stopping at the Historic Site, we're surprised at how few of our people apparently have been there. It's a fine place to go for a Sunday drive. It's hard to see how the patriotism of any person could fail to be touched by such a visit.

One can't help but think of the fortitude of such pioneers and of their contribution to the Northwest and the nation. Anyone who isn't stirred by a thoughtful visit to this site needs to take a refresher course in Americanism.

WE NEED to devote more attention to historical sites and commemoration of historical events, and it is a shame that we don't do more. Think of the events in Morrow's history which should be perpetuated with appropriate markings or tablets, but which have been neglected. These would serve the purpose of keeping a link with our rich heritage and reminding us of the basic value with which we have been endowed by those who sacrificed to make our country what it is.

There is no formal monument in Heppner of one of the great disasters in American history—the great flood of 1903. Of course, there are pictures and artifacts of the time in the museum, but no where in town is there any marker that tells a traveler that here, on this spot, is where some 250 persons lost their lives in 1903. There should be an appropriate monument to those who died in the flood and to those whose acts of heroism in connection with the flood were so notable.

Perhaps when the Willow Creek dam is completed, local organizations can get together and see that an appropriate monument is erected near the dam. It's something worth thinking about.

ONE OF THE reasons we're particularly fascinated by the Whitman Mission story is through the exploits of Col. Cornelius Gilliam of Polk county, who commanded a small army that was authorized by the legislature and the gov-

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sherman:

We would like to express our appreciation to you for the fine job you did for us in publicity for our church auction last Saturday. We also appreciated your taking time out from your busy schedule to attend our dinner and sale.

The huge success of the auction was largely due to all our members and church friends cooperated and we are very grateful for this support.

Sincerely yours,
 Milton Morgan, Chrm.
 Auction Committee, Ione

Attends Music School

Mrs. Arnold Melby and Kathy took Susan Melby to Pullman to enroll her in the Washington State University High School Summer Music School. Susan will attend on a partial scholarship from the Band Parents organization. She will be at Pullman for a month and will be staying at Kruegel Hall.

ernor to Avenge the Massacre

We edited a small book on Polk county history in 1947, and Col. Gilliam was prominently featured in this publication.

Earle Richardson, former editor of the Itemizer-Observer in Dallas, had the foresight to publish two history books on Polk county Pioneers, and these now are considered invaluable. One of these volumes has the story of Col. Gilliam and his attempts to avenge the Whitman massacre. As many here know, Gilliam was accidentally killed in Morrow county at Wells Springs and a monument stands there today in his honor in a wire fence enclosure but fairly well hidden by grass and weeds. It was erected by the Polk county D.A.R.

It is interesting to note that the Gilliams here — Earl and Len — are related to Col. Gilliam. Author of the story in Richardson's book, Merlie Gilliam, is also a relative of the Heppner folks. She wrote the story in 1927 and is now deceased.

We think our local folk here will be interested in the story of Col. Gilliam and plan next week to reprint at least part of it in this column as taken from Richardson's "Polk County Pioneer Sketches."

We strongly urge anyone who has not visited the Whitman Mission site to take advantage of any opportunity to go there. The sign for the turnoff is well marked a few miles this side of Walla Walla. Maybe you have whizzed by there many times without thinking of its significance.

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Annie Schoonover, 93 Dies in Kennewick; Services Held Here

Funeral services were held for Annie Bird Schoonover, age 93, at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m., with the Rev. Al Boschee officiating. Interment followed in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Schoonover died Saturday, June 11, at Hawthorn House in Kennewick, Wn., where she had lived the past two years.

Mrs. Schoonover was born July 21, 1872, in Wichita Falls, Kansas. She crossed the plains with her parents from Kansas in a covered wagon in 1889, settling at Boise, Idaho. She was a resident for many years of Lexington, and her husband, Richard, preceded her in death in 1943.

Survivors include seven daughters, Mrs. Archie Nichols, Lexington; Mrs. Pearl Phillips and Mrs. Mabel Potterdell, both of Boise; Mrs. Laura Dodge, Leavenworth, Wash.; Mrs. Alice Forman, San Juan Islands, Wn.; Mrs. Alma Warner, San Gabriel, Calif.; and Mrs. Lucy Short of Prineville; one son, Richard Schoonover of Concoquilly, Wash. She leaves 51 grandchildren, 121 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

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 Wednesday, June 22
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 Two Shows, 6 and 8 p.m.
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 Sunday, June 26, Elks members and families

COWBELLE BARBECUE
 Honoring Father of Year
 Sunday, June 26, 4 to 6 p.m.
 Heppner Fairgrounds

FAMILY REUNION
 Annual Leathers Family Reunion
 Sunday, June 19, Hardman IOOF Hall

Annual Padberg Family Reunion
 Ione Memorial Park
 Sunday, June 19

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