

Opinions Differ On Classification Of Public Lands

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either of two public sale laws, he said.

New Law Requires Zoning
The "new" law requires adequate effective enforceable zoning before it can be offered for sale. Since zoning in Morrow county is not effective, provisions of this law would not apply to the BLM lands here, Simmons said.

The "old" public sale act contains two provisions: 1. That the land be isolated and must not adjoin any other federal land on any of its sides. 2. That it be too rough or mountainous for cultivation. Under this "old" law, the applicant files with a petition for classification. The land is appraised at a fair market value and is put up for public auction. It is awarded to the highest bidder. A preference right gives the adjacent land owner the right to meet the high bid or three times the appraised value, in which case he may purchase it.

If the lands in this country are put up for sale it would be by Bureau motion, Simmons said. They cannot be put up for sale until classified. Should this be done, it would be under the first proviso since it is considered suitable for cultivation.

Under the Desert Land act, the land must be suitable for agriculture and desert entries are limited to 320 acres. The entryman has four years in which to file a final proof. He must file an annual proof to show developments.

Entry History 'Not Good'
Simmons said that history of Desert Entry has not been very good. Only about one in eight or 10 entries have succeeded, he said. This, however, has been on all types of land, and he expressed the belief that Boardman lands are better than average.

In case of sale, the Bureau establishes a minimum bid but the bidding can go as high as it will, Simmons said in answer to a question.

Rupert Kennedy, executive secretary of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, asked in what size tracts the land might be offered under public sale, and Simmons advised him that with very few exceptions it would be in tracts of 640 acres.

Oscar Peterson, former county judge and interested in the proposed North Morrow County Irrigation district, read a statement concerning the interest of the local group of which he is a part, its work in taking an engineering survey, and how his group had taken steps to file under the Desert Entry act. He told of their surprise at learning of the applications from the "Portland group." He favors desert entry over public sale.

"We don't pose as irrigation experts, but we are in this in all sincerity," he said.

Chamber Favors Sale
Harley Young, president of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, read a transcript of meetings of a recent meeting of the organization at which members voted in favor of public sale of the lands.

Gus DeLude, Madras rancher, said that the land should be sold and be put back on the tax rolls. "We have been holding up the classification too long," he said.

Mrs. Marvin McDole of Hermiston, who complained that she had a "rough time" getting answers from Congressmen and others, asked questions of the BLM officials in making her presentation. Conard urged her to state her opinions for the record and said that the BLM's position would be stated in its report on the classifications.

Mrs. McDole favored a Bureau of Reclamation project, saying,

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care between June 16 and 23, and later dismissed, include the following: Bernice Lamb, Heppner; Rillee Marquardt, Lexington; William Huston, Lexington; Frank Macken, Ione; Elmer Ball, Heppner; Ethel Thomas, Grants Pass; Floyd Cagle, Heppner; Earl Mortimer, Kinzua; Bruce Young, Heppner; William Ruppert, Salem; Nola Steers, Heppner; Emma Cecil, Hardman.

Those who were admitted, and are still receiving medical care, are the following: Burt Winters, Heppner; Marilyn Patton, Kinzua; Larry Hekkala, Fossil; Winnie Zinter, Ione; Lillian Palmer, Lexington; Lillian Sweek, Heppner; Jack Ray, Heppner; Clarence Asher, Fossil; and Margaret Rippee, Heppner.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Marler of Fossil on Friday, June 17, weighing 7 lb., 11 1/2 oz. He has been named Phillip Scott, and joins three sisters, Linda, Vicki and Billie Jo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Presley of Jamison, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Epley of Middleton, Idaho became parents of a daughter, Laurie Ellen, on Thursday, June 23. She weighed 7 lb., 12 1/2 oz., and joins a brother, Daniel. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Kelley in Idaho, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvel Epley of Condon.

"We want to see the land go on the tax rolls but we don't want to see the farmers go broke," she said. She discussed the high cost of irrigation and suggested that it could be as much as \$55 per acre under private ownership. "No farmer can afford that," she said.

Jack Sumner of southern Morrow county spoke as an interested person. "I feel this has tremendous potential and is a tremendous asset," he said.

It is desirable for the county that recipients of the land be bound to develop it in an orderly and efficient way. In favoring a Bureau of Reclamation project the former OSU instructor said, "It is most important that the land be given to private people but that it be bound for development."

He said that in the long run the project could include all public lands and all private lands.

Survey Asked
Judge Paul Jones, who was detained at a Portland meeting and arrived late for the session here, said that the county has urged a reconnaissance study on the lands immediately for a Bureau of Reclamation project.

A letter from Senator Morse Monday was to the effect that the Bureau is studying the county's request.

Luther Cramer of Hermiston, an entryman in one section, said that Desert Entry is very difficult and takes "a lot of time to work out the requirements."

"It is very difficult to get a patent," he said. He added, however, that he didn't know of any who applied who didn't receive them. He said that there is insufficient well water for any more desert entries. Private proposals for irrigation water are at prohibitive costs, Cramer added.

"I'm not in favor of too much hurry in the classification," he said. "There was nobody interested until we went out and made it green. Now everyone wants to get into the act."

Cramer said that he is not in favor of big developments since they appear to him to be speculative.

"I wasn't in favor of the Bureau of Reclamation project at first but I am now," he said and added that he was in favor of holding the classifications until a Bureau of Reclamation project can be formed.

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Republicans Elect County Officers

County Republicans met June 28 and elected new officers of the county central committee. Mrs. Herman Winter was re-elected chairman of the committee; Joe Balfe, vice-chairman; Mrs. John Venard, secretary and Elmer Schmidt, treasurer.

The group nominated Oscar Peterson, former county judge, as Republican candidate for port commission. This will be for the position of the unexpired term of the late Al Lamb.

Peterson will oppose Harry O'Donnell who was appointed to serve in the post and was then nominated by the Democratic party to run in the general election.

Mrs. Dick Wilkinson returned to Portland last Thursday morning by plane from a trip to Tempe, Ariz., where she spent several days visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bostwick, and became acquainted with her new granddaughter, Little Angela Leigh was born May 12. Temperatures most of the time were above the 100-mark, but along

Joe Burns to Talk At Chamber Meet

Joe Burns of Hermiston, one of the community leaders who spearheaded the campaign that resulted in the construction of the Marlette mobile home factory in Hermiston, will be the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Heppner on Monday, July 11.

He will tell of the steps taken by the community in procuring the factory. There will be no meeting of the Chamber on Monday, July 4, because of the holiday.

with other residents, she found ways of adjusting to it. After her return to Portland, Mrs. Wilkinson attended the Grand Chapter meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, and received an appointment to the ESTARL committee for the coming year at installation ceremonies Thursday evening.

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McNary Golfers Enjoy Activities At Kinzua Club

By VIRGINIA KELSO

(Held over from last week)
KINZUA—On Sunday, June 19, members of Kinzua Golf Club were hosts to the golfers of the McNary club of Umatilla. One of the largest turnouts of the year, a total of 61 men and women crowded the course throughout the day and into the late afternoon.

The affair was kicked off with a hearty breakfast served by the men members of the local club and as the day progressed, along with the flying divots and moans and groans, a sumptuous buffet luncheon was set forth by the Kinzua lady members. When the swing-ers had clubbed the last shot and the little old golf course was given a much needed rest, honors were carried off by a long list of golfers.

For McNary ladies, low gross, Opal Lee; low net, Wilma Barford; long drive, Neva Clark; closest to the pin, Pat Wahner. For Kinzua ladies, low gross, LaVina Conner; low net, Marie Hulet; long drive, LaVina Conner; closest to the pin, Arlene Schroeder.

For McNary men, low gross, Jim Cartwright; low net and long drive, Gene Hatt. For Kinzua men, low gross, Clarence Smith; low net, David Lovell; long drive, Ernie Wall and closest to the pin, Bob Misener.

The popular Men's Stag Night, held at the local club on Friday, June 17, was as usual highly successful and hailed by the golfers with much enthusiasm. As a deviation from the usual play, the men were divided into two teams consisting of a high and low handicap player and prizes were awarded on the basis of total score for nine holes.

Twelve teams participated in the event and prizes were awarded as follows: low gross, David Lovell and Lee Bailey; low net, Milt Boring and Bob Boyles; most birdies, Ed Wham; long drive, Bill Mac Innis; closest to the pin, David Lovell.

Following a short business meeting the usual buffet dinner was served.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Mattison last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shell and family of Spring Valley, Calif., Mrs. Zolen Tripp and family of Redmond, Mrs. Betty Shell of Dayville, and Gregory Mattison of San Diego, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Omar Stubblefield and family and John Nel-

son of Fossil went to Wallawa last week end to bring home Daniel Stubblefield who had spent the past two weeks there with relatives. Coming home with them were Amy and Beth McCrae of Wallawa. On Tuesday, Mrs. Stubblefield went to Bend to be with her brother Erwin Carpenter who had surgery there that day.

Loren Weise of Milton-Freewater spent several days here last week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fleming.

Mrs. Harvey Spivey and son Frank, Mrs. Maggie Combs and Mrs. David Mattison went to Madras Thursday where Frank left by bus for San Francisco, Calif. He will spend several weeks visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts of Mountainview, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mattison visited relatives in Redmond over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cox, Wayne Cox, Mrs. Bill Stephens and son Mike and Shelton and Wayne Cox went to Portland Wednesday where Wayne left by plane for Port Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he will be stationed. On Friday, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Stephens and Mike left from Pendleton by train for Kansas where they will visit relatives.

Reuben Tipton of Creswell visited friends here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Arlet Campbell and daughter, Andrea went to Prineville last Tuesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson.

Mrs. Doyal Hubbell was guest of honor at a shower last Tuesday evening at the grade school, receiving gifts for her newly adopted son, Robert Doyle, four months old. Several games were played with prize winners being Virginia Sittin, Mrs. Chas. Rickert and Hazel Kandle. Mrs. Hubbell then opened her many lovely gifts assisted by her daughter Sharon after which cake and coffee were served to those present by the hostesses Lily May Nistad, Joy Brock, Jennette Mathias, Doris Stubblefield and Bev Hatter.

Don Brock went to Priest River, Idaho over the week end to take Donnie and Melody Brock to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Brock are leaving Kinzua in July for Priest River where they will take over the Crowell dairy farm from the Crowells who are retiring and plan to travel.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sittin and daughter Debbi of Spokane spent Sunday and Monday here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sittin and family.

Milt Boring went to Portland Monday to meet Mrs. Boring who had spent the past week in San Francisco visiting her daughter Miss Margie Harkins.

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