

Judge Reports on Lands, Roads, Projects

Concise "progress report" on developments underway in Morrow county was presented to members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday by Judge Paul Jones. He discussed the current status of public lands in the northern part of the county, roads, the Willow Creek project, Civil Defense and touched on taxes and the budget.

North End Lands

Classification of the BLM lands in the north part of the county is "no nearer than when the bureau passed out its questionnaires," the judge said. (However, shortly after he returned to his office he received a call announcing that the Bureau of Reclamation would release its hold on the lands and later said that he hopes this will speed classification.)

Congressman Al Ullman has advised the county court that there is every reason to believe

that the South Bank study by the Bureau of Reclamation involving lands along the Columbia River in Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties will be initiated later this year. Some 300,000 to 300,000 acres would be included in the study.

Fred Andrews has a total of some 10,000 acres of land in alternate sections among the some 10,000 acres of BLM lands, the judge said. Andrews will sell his lands, and the county court is hopeful that the BLM will sell its lands to make a block of 20,000 acres that would be available for sale.

A development by Ray Dunn in the extreme northeast part of Morrow county and in the extreme northwest part of Umatilla county was discussed in the report. Dunn has 230 acres of private land in Morrow and 300 acres in Umatilla and another 1280 acres that he expects to buy from the Bureau

of Land Management. This will give him some 1800 acres on which he expects to raise potatoes. The BLM land in this area is separate from that in the 10,000 acres.

On a cooperative agreement with Umatilla county, Morrow county has built a road of some 4000 feet along the extreme northeast county line to serve the Dunn property, Judge Jones said. This extends north from Highway 730 across Maxwell Jones property and involves a bridge over the West Extension Irrigation district canal.

In the meantime, the SPAIDA Distributing Co. has announced plans to start a processing plant in the town of Umatilla. It was hoped that Morrow county would get this plant, but it did not, the judge said, because it was desired to be on a railroad.

This plant will process 400 tons of potatoes per day and

will place them in packages of any size for which there is sale. It is expected to offer employment for 45 men from June 1 to September 1 each year and will result in employment for another 40 men in the field.

The plant will cost \$80,000 to construct and will require another \$40,000 to equip, SPAIDA has advised the county.

Roads

When, a year ago, the county learned that construction of the new Highway Interstate 50 would not include access to adjoining lands, the county court pressed the Highway Commission for access. Through long negotiations, the county's plea for an overpass on the highway to Patterson Ferry has been granted and construction is now underway.

"We were told that this was

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GILES FRENCH of Moro (right) looks over an old historical brochure with Oscar Peterson (left), chairman of the county committee that is spearheading plans for publication of a Morrow county history. The plan calls for French to write the history. He is former publisher of the Sherman County Journal, author of several books, and has won many honors for his editorial writings. (G-T Photo)

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THESE THREE COUNTY OFFICIALS shared happiness upon receiving a check for more than \$4800 as a refund to the county welfare commission. Lowell Chally, welfare administrator, is at left, Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel, treasurer, and County Judge Paul Jones gladly accept the check. (G-T Photo).

State Sends Check Of \$4821 Back To County Welfare

Morrow county Public Welfare Commission accepted a pleasant surprise this month in the form of a \$4,821.44 refund savings from the last fiscal year's budget. Lowell Chally, welfare administrator for Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, announced.

The money is largely the result of a decreased expenditure in old age assistance and medical care, Chally said. Also a contributing factor has been a larger participation in costs by the federal government.

In addition, although not reflected in this particular refund, it is the feeling of the welfare commission that the consolidation of welfare services since June, 1963, in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties has had an impact on expenditures. A good economy in the area has also prevailed, Chally pointed out.

While Morrow county received a refund of \$4,821.44, Gilliam county received \$65.06, and Wheeler county \$1,673.43.

3 Find Forest Warden Badly Hurt by Mishap

Three men who noticed a man feebly trying to signal them at the Chapin Creek guard station of the State Forestry Department probably saved the life of Clarence Jacobsen, 55, the occupant of the station.

Randy Lott, Don McElligott and Jack Barak were driving south on the highway about 9 a.m. Friday when McElligott spotted the man clinging to a porch post of the building, which is just off the highway.

The three proceeded by the station, and then decided that the man appeared to be in trouble. They backed up and went to check.

They found that Jacobsen, whom none of them knew, was in serious condition. His body was badly swollen, and he was barely able to talk. The cabin was without heat, and the three learned later that he had been unable to sit down or lie down for three days.

It was last Wednesday when Jacobsen tried to fix a flue in the cabin. In doing so he fell and landed across the stove below, breaking some ribs. One punctured his lung.

His radio apparently was not in working order, and he was unable to summon help. Jacobsen stuck a red flag out its window, but none of those who traveled the highway recognized it as a signal for help. The three who spotted him did not realize this was a signal until he asked them to bring it in.

The three men summoned the ambulance from Pioneer Memorial hospital by telephoning from the home of Tom Huston. Jacobsen was taken to the hospital immediately.

His doctor said that he was in critical condition for two days. By Monday afternoon, however, his condition had improved considerably and the doctor said that his condition was "fair."

The swollen condition was due to complications from the punctured lung. This allowed

Annual Meeting On Conservation Slated Tuesday

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Motion picture film on conservation in Morrow county and a talk by Donel J. Lane, administrative officer of the state Water Resources Board, will highlight the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district at the Lexington Grange hall Tuesday night. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

The film was taken by a Portland television station late last year for showing as a documentary over its channel. However, many in the county have not seen the film. A number of county ranchers are interviewed in the picture.

Lane will speak on the subject of Columbia River water at the meeting.

During the business session, the annual financial report will be given and the annual report on activities and objectives will be presented.

Report on work accomplished in the district, together with other features in connection with soil conservation here, is presented on pages 2 and 3 of section 2 in this paper in order that all in the county may be advised. This is in lieu of mailing duplicated reports to ranchers in the district.

Raymond French is chairman of the supervisors for the district. Kenneth Turner is vice chairman and W. C. Rosewall is treasurer. Other supervisors are Vernon Munkers and Roger Palmer. Gene Winters is secretary and Ralph Richards is work unit conservationist.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting with the compliments of Central Market and Lexington Implement Co.

The public is welcome at the meeting, and attendance of all interested is encouraged.

Pettyjohn's Move Into New Building

Pettyjohn's Farm and Home Builders Supply has moved into the new building just north of the former location. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, owners announce.

While the new building is not fully completed, business will be conducted from the larger and more convenient quarters while finishing work is being done.

Hours will be 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Hardware lines, particularly, are being expanded with the move.

In connection with the move, Pettyjohn's is holding a sale on some discounted items, including paint and floor adhesive.

Welfare Office Moved To Hotel Building

Offices of the Morrow County Public Welfare Commission and Surplus Commodities were moved on Tuesday from the Case building to its new location in the office space of Hotel Heppner, formerly occupied by Winter and Balfe, according to announcement by Lowell Chally, administrator.

Mrs. Lewis (Betty) McDonald will continue to serve as office secretary, with office hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed Saturday except for emergency.

Exemption Deadline Near for Disabled

Disabled war veterans and veterans' widows must apply for their Oregon property tax exemptions by April 3 this year because the normal April 1 deadline falls on a Saturday. Application is filed with the county assessor.

The exemption amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property, according to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Shrove Tuesday Luncheon Slated

Women of the Episcopal Church invite the public to attend their annual Shrove Tuesday pancake luncheon in the parish hall at All Saints' church Tuesday, February 7, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, president of the ECW, is in charge of arrangements. Pancakes, ham, fruit, milk and coffee will be served. Admission is \$1.25 for adults, 75c for high school children and 50c for children of grade school age and under.



BILL HUST, formerly of The Dalles, began Monday as new manager of the J. C. Penney Company store here, succeeding Bob Henry, who has started in his new position as manager of the J. C. Penney store in Burns. (G-T Photo).

Penney Manager Starts Work Here

Bill Hust, formerly of The Dalles, began work Monday as manager of the J. C. Penney store in Heppner, succeeding Bob Henry who has been transferred to Burns where he will manage the Penney store. Henry remained here Monday and started at Burns Tuesday.

Hust, whose family includes his wife, Joan, and three daughters, Julie, 12, Janie 10, and Janette 8, will move to Heppner when the Henrys move from their home on Gale street. The Husts will move into the house which has become sort of a "Penney parsonage."

The new manager has been with the Penney company for 10 1/2 years. He was with the store in Yreka, Calif., for four years after starting in Medford. He has been in The Dalles 2 1/2 years. This is his first managership.

Hust was Jaycee president in Yreka but now has passed the age of Jaycee membership. He is interested in hunting and fishing. Mrs. Hust formerly had a radio program in Yreka and wrote stories for children that she used on the program. She also worked in the library there.

Henry plans to be home from Burns this week-end. When the family moves from here and when the Husts move in depends on the "chain reaction" of managers in the multiple move. The Henrys plan to move into the house in Burns now occupied by the family of the Penney manager there.

History Book Committee Seeks Public's Help

If there is to be a book published on Morrow county history, financial support must come from interested residents in the county, ex-residents and friends of the county willing to contribute.

This was the consensus of those meeting at the county courthouse last Thursday night to discuss the matter.

Giles French of Moro, author of a Sherman county history and two other books, was present to affirm his interest in working with the county committee to write and edit the book and to give an estimate of probable costs.

A history of perhaps 300 pages might cost \$5000 from the publishers at this time, in addition to expenses incurred in doing research through records, both within and without of the county, and in writing the book, he said.

French said that he would be willing to undertake the job for expenses plus a share of the sale of the book, but he had no way of estimating exactly what the expenses would be. He would need food, lodging and travel expenses in researching records in daily newspaper files, state archives, historical society, county courthouse and other places. The task possibly would take two years to complete.

Some of the steering committee felt that it would take a minimum of \$7500 to obtain a finished book of good quality with pictures that would be a credit to the county. Others expressed the thinking that it might run higher.

Oscar Peterson, chairman, presided at the meeting. Others present were County Judge Paul Jones, Orville Cutsforth, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Rachel Harnett, curator of the museum here; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson; Oran Wright, representing the Grange; Jim Barnett for the Lone Lions club; and Wes Sherman, publisher of the Gazette-Times.

Snowpack Below That of Last Year

Snowpack at the Arbuckle Mountain station, two miles beyond the ski course, is below that of last year, Ralph Richards, conservationist with the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, reported Tuesday after taking the survey on Monday, January 30.

Snow was measured Monday at 19.6 inches as compared with 27.58 inches at the same time in 1966 and 33.8 inches in 1965. Average snow depth this year was 28 inches.

Water content Monday was measured at six inches, as compared with 7.8 inches in 1966 and 10 inches in 1965. Average water content this winter was 7.41 inches.

The survey indicates that water for irrigation purposes will be down considerably for the coming summer.

It was decided to insert a coupon in the Gazette-Times to determine if a substantial number of persons would be willing to invest \$25 or more each for the purpose of financing the book. Two hundred such donations could get the project started, but more financing would be needed to finish the job. Smaller amounts will be acceptable but it is necessary to keep the donations at the higher figures if the job is to get done.

Gene Pierce, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, has agreed to act as treasurer and donations should be made to him in person or by mail. Checks may be made to the Morrow County Historical Association.

The possibility of asking organizations to help with donations was also discussed, as well as the possibility of getting

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Gribble Chosen Justice of Peace

Governor Tom McCall has appointed Lowell L. Gribble of Heppner as justice of the peace for the Sixth district in Morrow county. Rep. Irvin Mann, Jr., of Stanfield announced today.

Gribble will succeed Earl L. Soward who resigned effective February 1.

The new justice of the peace is manager of Inland Chemical Service and has been a resident of Heppner for 15 years.

Bureau to Release Hold on North Lands

Bureau of Reclamation has decided to release its hold on Bureau of Land Management lands in the north end of Morrow county, Rupert Spearman of the Bureau of Reclamation in Spokane, advised County Judge Paul Jones by telephone Monday afternoon.

The hold on the lands had been placed with the thought that the reclamation bureau might develop a project there. However, Spearman advised Judge Jones that it will be released because the bureau is not interested in such a project due to the "isolated nature" of the lands.

A letter to that effect will go to the BLM the last of this week or the first of next week, Spearman said.

The judge also received a call from Leo Simmons of the Baker office of BLM stating that his bureau desires more answers on local questions in connection with the lands. Simmons will be in Heppner Thursday afternoon to meet with county officials on the matter.

The judge said that he is hopeful that release of the hold by the Bureau of Reclamation will speed up classification of the lands by the BLM so that it may be determined whether they will be placed on public sale or whether they will be open to desert entry.

Lott's Electric Wins Hawaii Trip; Passes Ticket to Employee

Mrs. Millie Evans, an employee for five years of Lott's Electric, Heppner, is happily packing and preparing to leave February 19 with her sister Mrs. Anna Fehmerling, on an all-expense-paid trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

The trip is a sales award from the RCA Corporation to Lott's Electric and Randy Lott, owner, assigned it to Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Fehmerling will travel from Portland on a daylight jet flight and will stay at the Hilton Hawaiian Village during the week they are in Hawaii. They will take part in a planned itinerary including tours, dinners and evening programs and return February 26, also by jet.

The two sisters will spend their spare time getting in touch with friends and acquaintances living in the islands and expect to have a wonderful time. "We're going to make the most of it," Mrs. Evans said.

WEATHER BY DON GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of January 25-31 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	45	27	.06*
Thursday	50	30	.08
Friday	53	44	.18
Saturday	59	45	.07
Sunday	61	40	—
Monday	47	29	—
Tuesday	46	28	.21*

* Snow

Total precipitation for month of January was 1.30", a little below the normal of 1.33".