



GAR SWANSON of Ione, treasurer of the Port of Morrow and commissioner since the inception of the commission, points out location of port lands on a map prepared by Rupert Kennedy of Mid-Columbia Planning Council. Chamber of Commerce members and guests were the audience in a Morrow county school bus on the north end tour Monday. When photo was taken, the bus was parked on a railroad overpass, affording a view through windows of lands Swanson was describing. (G-T Photo).

Port of Morrow Plans, Progress Discussed at Meet

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Warren McCoy and Al Lamb.

After its inception, the commission visited a lot of ports and found the Umatilla port commission very "gracious," West said. They learned that a port commission's authority was very broad.

For a while, the commission had no "port" nor funds until the land acquisition program was started after the tax base was voted. It wasn't until early 1961 that it had funds.

The year 1960 was the time when interest started in the Boardman industrial site, and a development company of private citizens took options on a site northeast of the present Navy bombing range with the idea of acquiring them for the Boeing development. When it was decided to develop the Boeing project in its present location, the company gave up these options, and the commissioners took them.

Then, through the state game commission, the port was able to acquire 1000 acres, but it still had no waterfront. The Corps of Engineers had taken the waterfront lands from the deeds. Hence, it remained a "port without water."

In 1964, the port went to work to acquire lands along the waterfront. It bought 119 acres of riverfront from the Northern Pacific Railway but the Corps immediately condemned them, and they were lost to the port until the present time.

"It then became evident that the Fish and Wildlife people were going to take the prime lands along the river," West said, and after futile negotiations and hearings, Judge Paul Jones and Clarence Rosewall and an attorney went to Washington, D. C. They secured help of Congressman Al Ullman and others in seeking riverfront lands.

"When they got back, some land was pulled out of wildlife (the Mesner site) and this was a miracle in being," West declared.

The three-cornered trade with the state and BLM has meant lengthy negotiations. Two members of the land board changed in the midst of the dealing, and it was necessary for the port to go back to the state and get the support of the new members.

Loss of Al Lamb from the commission was a hard blow, West said.

"His counsel and judgment were greatly respected and greatly needed."

Assistance of Rupert Kennedy, executive secretary of Mid-Columbia Planning Council, has been of great help.

"Without his help, the port would have been in trouble," West said.

The Boardman mayor also commended the Chamber of Commerce for its part in the formation of the commission. It took an active role from the start and promoted the plan.

"Without the chamber's help there may not have been a port," West declared.

During the years of its operation, the port commission has held more than 200 meetings, averaging four hours of time, meaning that each commissioner who has served throughout the period has given more than 800 hours in meeting time.

County History Fund at \$1050

Fund for compiling and publishing a Morrow county history book has reached \$1050, according to Gene Pierce, treasurer of the Morrow County Historical Association, sponsors of the book.

Some funds have come in from the mailed response to the public sent recently through the non-profit association, and more are expected. Those who have not yet returned their contributions in the business reply envelopes (no postage needed) are urged to do so soon.

No personal solicitation has been undertaken as yet, but this will be organized soon with the hope that the fund may grow to the point needed to produce the book.

A sum of \$1000 has been placed in the Morrow county budget for 1967-68. If this is approved, it will give a considerable boost to the history. It is estimated that some \$7500 will be needed to complete the job. Giles French of Moro has been commissioned to prepare the publication.

Juniors Chosen For Girls' State

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Society, science club, and was a princess on this year's Homecoming court. She has spent much time in 4-H club work and has served as a junior leader in 4-H sewing.

The Auxiliary sponsors Nancy as a delegate, with expenses paid by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner.

Through the Girls state program, the auxiliary seeks through actual practice, to bring into realization the responsibilities, rights and duties of American citizenship, to arouse the love of democracy and sense of freedom.

Mrs. Don Bennett is serving as Auxiliary chairman for the selection committee.

Teen Film Scheduled

A dramatic 30-minute sound and color film, "Teen Revolt" will be shown in the Heppner elementary multipurpose room Tuesday evening, May 16, at 8:30 p.m. Showing the film will be Rev. Grady Fannin, director of the San Francisco Teen Challenge Center. The same Teen Challenge organization was sponsor of the popular book, "Cross and the Switchblade." All teenagers and parents are extended a special invitation to see the film.

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Dinner, Auction To Benefit OMSI

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with him. Many new items have been donated this week to add to the list previously announced for the auction. Included are these:

Cordless wall clock from Peterson's Jewelers; three long play records from Gonty's; Spar-ta wrench set, Heppner Auto Parts; gallon of inside paint, M & R Company; dinner for four (up to \$10); Wagon Wheel Cafe; dry rug cleaner machine and materials, two pair rubber boots, and plate glass mirror, all from Western Auto; \$15 cash, Dr. Jim Korene; antique calculator, First National Bank; two nights lodging, Northwestern Motel; 20 silver dollars, Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Donations gathered from Ione are as reported by Mrs. Ernest Christopherson include the following: Household articles, child's merry-go-round from Louis Carlson; miscellaneous articles from Willard French; plowshares, floor polisher and washer from Herb Peterson; number of small articles from Gerald Peterson; electric wa-fer iron, Amanda Warfield; new electric egg cooker, Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom; cake plate and toy, Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen; Infantsant from Bryce Keene; two lamp shades and record rack, Grace McKinney; chest type freezer, washer-dryer and water softener, Slim Emert.

Purses for Rodeo Raised to \$1785 By Board Action

Purses for the 1967 Morrow County Rodeo will total \$1785, being raised from last year's \$1550 by action of the rodeo committee at its May meeting last Wednesday night, according to Tom Currin, publicity chairman.

The Morrow county derby will be increased to a 1/4 mile event from a half-mile event and entries will be closed as of August 1, Currin said.

Calgary roping and junior calf riding will be dropped from the rodeo program this year.

An improvement at the grounds will be the installation of a Powder River unsaddling chute for bucking horses to replace the wooden chute.

It was also decided at the meeting that Morrow county Jaycees will have the food concession, as well as that for pop and coffee. American Legion has the beer concession.

Chairman E. H. (Ted) Miller, Jr., and Charley Daly, vice chairman, told of the rodeo recently in interviews over radio station KOFU, Hermiston.

Dates for this year's rodeo are August 26 and 27.

Swanson, assisted by Rupert Kennedy, executive secretary of Mid-Columbia Planning Council, pointed out various features of the land, using maps prepared by Kennedy to do so.

Topography of the some two miles of Columbia River frontage under control of the commission is such that it is said to be one of the best port sites on the river. On much of the frontage steep dirt banks drop sharply to the river. When the Umatilla reservoir rises, there will be an additional 20 to 30 feet depth for boats and barges. A depression about in the center of the lands, however, will become a bay when the pool rises. Land in the backup area is flat.

"The Good Lord didn't provide many sites like this," was the comment of one touring Portland port official when he visited the area with members of the commission, Swanson said.

By noon, the group had seen what it came to see and was back at the restaurant for lunch. President Herman Winter was in charge of the tour and the meeting. He introduced a num-

ber of guests at the meeting and recognized members of the port commission, all of whom were present, including West, Swanson, Oscar Peterson, Larry Lindsay and Dick Krebs.

Peterson reported on his trip to Washington, D. C., and progress on the Willow Creek project. County Judge Paul Jones reported on BLM land classification and proceedings underway at the legislature. (Both of these are covered in separate stories).

Randall Peterson reported on plans of the merchants' committee for summer promotions including the Sidewalk Bazaar and a Moonlight Madness sale.

It was after 2 p.m. when the meeting adjourned and the group boarded the bus or got into their cars to head homeward. They left with the feeling that they had spent a very profitable time and took back a renewed interest in the development of the north end of Morrow county.

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Oscar Peterson Gives Testimony In Washington

Oscar E. Peterson, former Morrow county judge, testified before both House and Senate subcommittees, urging appropriation of pre-construction funds for the Army Corps of Engineers on the Willow Creek project, last Tuesday and Wednesday in Washington, D. C.

Peterson, who made the trip to Washington as a delegate of Inland Empire Waterways Association, carried a resolution on the Willow Creek project from the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, and he presented the resolution at the subcommittee meetings.

He described his trip in a report to the Chamber of Commerce at the Nomad Restaurant in Boardman Monday.

The former judge said that both Senators Mark Hatfield and Wayne Morse appeared before the Senate subcommittee and included Willow Creek among the projects for which they urged appropriations. At the House hearing, Congressman Al Ullman also urged appropriation for the project.

Prior to the committee meetings last week, County Judge Paul Jones had written and telephoned members of Oregon's Congressional delegation in regard to the Willow Creek project. He had also considered going to Washington, D. C., to help with the presentation, but indications from the Oregon group were to the effect that the trip would not be necessary. He received telegrams from Sens. Morse and Hatfield and Congressman Ullman, and letters from Wendell Wyatt and John Dellenback.

Judge Peterson said Monday that he felt quite encouraged with the reception in Washington and said that he is sure that if the appropriation is not included, it will be surely because of the demands of the Vietnam war.

Little hope has been held that the preconstruction appropriation of \$166,000 would be made this year. It was not included in the president's budget, although a sum of \$55,000 has been included in the president's budget for preconstruction work on the irrigation feature of the Willow Creek project.

Judge Peterson reported a very busy but profitable and enjoyable time with the Inland Empire delegation throughout the week.

Included were an orientation breakfast the first day, a meeting with the Department of Transportation, and another with the Federal Power Commission.

The latter meeting was concerned partly with the thermo-nuclear development of electrical power.

"The feeling is that by 1975 we will definitely have to have nuclear energy to supplement hydroelectric power development," Peterson said. For some time, he has promoted the development of a nuclear plant in the Boardman area and this has met with considerable interest, although transmission for the longer distances is felt to be

Teenage Road-E-O Tryouts Sunday

Tryouts for the Morrow County Jaycees' Auto Road-E-O for teenagers will be Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. at the Morrow county fairgrounds, Clyde All-stott, chairman, states.

At this time, all teenagers from 16 through 19 who are planning to enter the driving contest on the following Sunday, May 21, are asked to be present. They will be given some orientation and information on what will be included in the driving tests and what the test course will be like.

The course will be laid out on the pavement between the rodeo grounds and the fair pavilion. Both boys and girls are eligible to compete. They may come from any part of Morrow county.

Nationwide the contest is sponsored by Lincoln-Mercury and the Jaycees. In Heppner, cars will be furnished by Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., a cooperating sponsor in the event.

Dale Holland, driver training instructor for Morrow county schools, is also assisting.

Separate divisions will be offered for boys and girls in the Road-E-O at the fairgrounds on May 21 with certificates going to winners. The champions will win the right to go to the state contest to compete for prizes, and the state winner will go to the national event.

Entry forms for the Road-E-O may be obtained from the Jaycees or from Heppner Auto Sales.

In the Road-E-O tests of skill will include those of handling a car in traffic, maneuvering and parking. Contestants will also take a simple written quiz on the day of the Road-E-O, May 21.

somewhat of a problem, the former judge said.

Peterson attended a meeting with the Bureau of the Budget and another with the Corps of Engineers, where the Willow Creek project was included in discussions.

Other sessions were with the Department of the Army, the Department of the Interior, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

There was a conference at the White House, and a luncheon with Congressman Ullman. Peterson also attended a Senate luncheon but of the eight senators expected to attend, only Senators Jackson and Magnuson and another from Alaska were present.

A reception towards the end of the week was held at the Mayflower Hotel. Among those attending were many of the officials that had been visited during the week.

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Mrs. Dave George Wins \$30 Prizes

Mrs. David George of Heppner became the fourth person to win \$30 in the Who's Who contest, running each week in the Gazette-Times, when her winning entry was drawn Tuesday afternoon by Kirk Horn, who acted as judge for this week's contest.

Mrs. George, the former Marcia Rands, had all 21 clues from advertising in last week's paper to properly identify Mrs. Roice (Betty) Fulleton as the current Who's Who. Mrs. George won \$5 for having the correct name on her entry slip and an additional \$25 for having all the clues.

This is the fourth consecutive week that the first name drawn has had all the information correct. Other winners were Nelson Connor, Mrs. Vic Groshens, and Mrs. Roxie Lovgren.

Another mystery person is to be identified by those competing in this week's contest, clues being scattered in the Who's Who ad and in ads of other sponsoring merchants throughout the paper.

Those submitting entries may deposit them in boxes at Pettijohn's Farm and Building Supply, Ruggles Insurance Agency, M.Ladies Apparel or Jim's Chevron Service in Ione. By the way, there have been many entries from Ione.

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