

Chamber To Request Waysides

Possibility of establishing highway waysides on the Willow Creek highway and the Highway 207 to Hermiston is being investigated by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce as a result of work done by its parks and recreation committee of which Orville Cutsforth is chairman.

The Chamber Monday voted unanimously to ask the highway department to consider establishing a wayside on each route. The action came after Cutsforth reported on a committee meeting held last week. He moved that the highway department be contacted.

Cutsforth said that there is a site near Cecil in a juniper grove that would make a good location for the rest area on the Willow Creek highway, and said that the one on the Hermiston highway might be located two or three miles this side of the Umatilla county line.

He pointed out that travelers crossing Morrow county have some 50 miles to go without any public rest stop available. He proposed that state help be enlisted to set up the waysides with rest rooms, picnic tables and other facilities. The committee chairman also pointed out that hunters who use the areas in the north have no place for their campers and outfits.

Also in the report, Cutsforth said that Morrow county has only eight trailer camp spaces, Sherman county has 22, Umatilla county 122 and Wasco county 368.

"We have a long ways to go," he said.

Cutsforth said that the committee felt the waysides should now be No. 1 on their phase of the development program. Work is progressing through the county on fish impoundments in the mountains, and Cutsforth said that "things are so fluid on this right now" that nothing was recommended. The Chamber has long pressed for the establishment of the reservoirs in the mountains.

The chairman said that at the committee meeting last week virtually all members were present, and they had a lively discussion about plans for the future. Serving with Cutsforth are Jack VanWinkle, Glen Ward, L. D. Tibbles, Gene Orwick, L. E. Dick, and W. S. (Sam) Miller.

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DEWEY WEST, Boardman, of the Morrow county Port Commission will appear with the panel of port commissioners at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district in the Lexington Grange Hall Tuesday night at 7:30. They will discuss contemplated developments.

Port Panel to Appear At Conservation Meet

Annual meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington Grange Hall, and program highlight of the evening will be a presentation by the five commissioners of the Morrow County Port Commission.

Appearing as a panel, they will discuss the possibilities of a thermal nuclear plant, in combination with an irrigation project. Speculation about such a plant, as a possibility for the north end of the county has been talked widely in recent months. The plant would be used for generation of power, and water coming from the plant in large quantities could be used for irrigation, according to those interested in the possibilities.

Participating on the panel will be Dewey West of Boardman, Gar Swanson of Ione, Oscar Peterson of Ione, Larry Lindsay of Lexington and Dick Krebs of Cecil, all commissioners.

They will also report on history of the commission, its finances and what is contemplated for the future.

A film on irrigation, from the Union Pacific Railroad, will also be shown as a program highlight.

In the business session of the 24th annual meeting three supervisors will be elected. Terms of Roger Palmer and Vernon Munkers are expiring, and the term of Dick McElligott also comes up for election because he was appointed recently to replace W. C. Rosewall, who resigned. As an appointee, McElligott serves only until the next election.

Candidates File For Local Offices

Ernest Jorgensen, Irrigon, justice of the peace for the sixth district in Morrow county, has filed for reelection, according to Sadie Parrish, Morrow county clerk.

John R. (Dick) Krebs of Cecil also filed for reelection as port commissioner. Both will be on the nonpartisan ballot in the primary since the port commissioners were changed this year to nonpartisan offices.

Financial report and annual report will be given at the meeting.

Raymond French, chairman of the board of supervisors, will preside at the meeting.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion with the compliments of the soil conservation district.

Annual report of the district, together with other features and pictures, is printed on pages 2 and 3 of section 2 of this paper.

The district stresses that this is a public meeting and the public is not only invited to attend, but all those interested in conservation and development of the county are urged to be present.

Skiing to Resume; Foot of Snow Falls

Arbuckle Mountain ski course will be operated both Saturday and Sunday, it was announced by the directors Wednesday morning.

Loren Lucore of the Forest Service and Ed Dick reported that 12 inches of new snow have fallen at the course over the solid pack beneath. The course is getting in good skiing condition again.

It was closed last week-end when warm weather had melted some of the snow. The course is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with tow operating.

Chamber Committees Aim at Development

With the many projects in the county underway for progress and development, committee assignments in the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce for 1968 have been made with a view towards helping promote these projects, Wes Sherman, president, announces.

The development committee has been broken into five separate committees, each with specific areas for consideration. Herman Winter, immediate past president, is general chairman of the development committee and will coordinate the activities of the five.

The countywide development committee, with County Judge Paul Jones as chairman, is concerned with impending developments in the north end of the county, planning to offer assistance with projects of the Port Commission, and it will be concerned with contemplated development of irrigation projects throughout the county, with roads and highways and schools included in its scope. On this committee with Judge Jones are Harlan McCurdy, Jr., Gene Winters, Ron Daniels, Harry O'Donnell, Dewey West, Gar Swanson, Maxwell Jones and Orville Cutsforth.

Judge Kaye Supports Mental Health Clinics

Circuit Judge Henry Kaye of Pendleton, speaking before the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its Monday luncheon meeting, stressed the need for mental health clinics in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

He told of work being done now by a committee towards establishing the clinics and said that he hopes that the two counties can work out a dual arrangement for them, sharing the cost on a formula basis. Umatilla county, because of its much greater population, would carry the bulk of the cost.

The community clinics, which would be designed for outpatient care, would give immediate help and assistance when needed.

They would serve such purposes as: 1. Child guidance and counseling. 2. Counseling adults on marital and domestic problems. 3. Working on problems of alcoholics. 4. Work with mentally retarded persons and help the families from which they come.

"They won't eliminate state hospitals," Judge Kaye said. "Unfortunately they can never be eliminated."

He pointed out, however, that areas which now have mental health clinics have cut their commitments to the state hospital by as much as 50% of the previous number of patients. During 1967 there were 499 committed to the state hospital in Pendleton by the courts. Patients came from as far west as Hood River and from as far east as the Idaho line. Umatilla county had 240 persons committed, but Morrow county had only six.

Judge Kaye pointed out the stigma that unfortunately had been associated with the old state institutions.

Until 1947, state laws referred to the procedure of committing a person as that of committing one "insane." In 1947, this was changed to "mentally diseased." In 1949, it was changed again, and an individual to be committed now is termed "mentally ill."

"At the state hospitals today, one shocking thing is to see the number of young people there, particularly girls, 17 to 18, and 23-24," the judge said. He felt that early marriages may be a factor causing mental breakdowns in some of the girls, since some become mothers of large families in a few years before they are ready for the load and responsibilities.

Judge Kaye said that the committee, on which Dr. Wallace Wolff of Heppner and Ron Daniels, Morrow county school superintendent, also serve, plans to approach the Umatilla county budget committee this spring in the hope of "getting something started."

Some government matching funds are available to help finance the clinics.

Also in his talk, the judge touched on the "serious situation" developing with the increasing use of drugs among young people.

He called attention, too, to the fact that a Supreme Court decision is expected soon to provide that an alcoholic cannot be arrested and jailed but rather that this condition be treated as an illness.



JUDGE HENRY KAYE

If the decision comes down, this will mean that every community must arrange to deal with the problem, he said, indicating that mental health clinics might provide part of the answer.

Judge Kaye, who served on the district court bench in Pendleton since 1960, was appointed circuit judge in July, 1967, by Governor Tom McCall after the legislature provided for a second circuit court judge in the Morrow-Umatilla county district.

The appointment was only until the next election, and Judge Kaye is seeking election to the position this year.

Personal Property Filing Time Here

Personal property returns of Morrow county taxpayers should be filed as soon as possible, Assessor Rod Thomson said Tuesday.

State law requires that the returns be filed by March 2. However, returns have been very slow coming in and earlier filing will expedite the work of the assessor's office.

"It hampers our work when they are slow," Thomson said. "It throws us too far behind in our work."

A penalty is provided for late filing (after March 2), but Thomson said that he is hoping that all will be on time so it will not be necessary to impose the penalty.

Inventory owners (including all those owning livestock) will again be eligible for some reduction of property tax this year if the return is filed on time.

The law does not permit the assessor to allow the reduction in inventory value for tax relief under certain circumstances when the personal property report is not accurately prepared or is filed after March 2.

Any person who has not had an opportunity to report by mail or personal contact may obtain the forms at the office of the assessor.

President's Budget Includes \$29,000 For Willow Project

President Lyndon Johnson's proposed budget for 1968 lists \$29,000 for the Bureau of Reclamation to use on investigation and survey of the Willow Creek project in Morrow county and \$41,300 for the Bureau for surveying the Columbia South Side project, it was learned Tuesday after the budget was released.

The \$29,000 for the Willow project is in addition to \$51,000 appropriated last year.

This was confirmed by County Judge Paul Jones when he called the office of Congressman Al Ullman in Washington, D. C., Tuesday morning after reading an excerpt of the budget.

The judge was unable to reach Cong. Ullman but talked to his administrative assistant, Ron Ahern, who assured him that the \$29,000 is in addition to the \$51,000 approved last year. The Bureau of Reclamation is involved only in the irrigation feature of the proposed Willow Creek dam project. Other phases of its multipurpose use are the responsibility of the Army Corps of Engineers with some help from local agencies.

Ahern told Judge Jones that Morrow county need not be concerned with the Willow Creek project which eventually will be a reality, since it has been authorized by Congress. He said that the Vietnam war is delaying the appropriation for the project, as it is for many other projects.

The administrative assistant said that there is considerably more stress put on the Vietnam war in Washington, D. C., than many people across the nation realize.

Ahern suggested that he felt something could be accomplished towards the Willow Creek project if the county sent a representative to appear at the Senate and House in late April or May of this year to point out the need. He said that the Congressman's office would assist in setting up the appearances at committee hearings.

There has been some question about how the \$51,000 appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation last year for the Willow Creek project has been used. Judge Jones said that he plans

to contact the bureau to see what has been done.

Potential water users of the Willow Creek project organized a district some time ago as a preliminary step towards culmination of the project. They will work through the Bureau of Reclamation on this feature of the multipurpose project.

As to the \$41,300 appropriated for the Columbia South Side study, Ahern said that he felt this was one of the "very significant items" in the budget for the Northwest. It is concerned with the possibility of Bureau irrigation projects along the south side of the Columbia River, embracing several counties, including Morrow.

Bank of EO Notes Gains in 1967; Dividends Paid

Deposits of the Bank of East Oregon increased a half million dollars during 1967 and earning assets increased about \$400,000, Gene Pierce, president, reported at the 23rd annual meeting of the stockholders of the bank in Arlington on Wednesday, January 17.

Pierce reported the gains when he presented the report of the bank's directors.

A total of \$15,000 was distributed to the stockholders on December 15 in the form of a dividend of \$10 per share declared to stockholders of record on December 1. In addition to the dividends declared, about \$50,000 was added to the bank's reserves and undivided profit.

Of the 1500 shares of stock outstanding, 1017 were represented by proxy, shares owned by the 35 stockholders present at the meeting.

The present directors, John W. Krebs, D. L. Lemon, Earl P. Hoag and Dave Childs, all of Arlington; Arthur A. Allen of Boardman; Gar Swanson of Ione; R. B. Ferguson, Howard Bryant and Gene Pierce, all of Heppner, were reelected for the coming year.

Childs was elected chairman of the board and Hoag was elected vice chairman. Pierce was reelected president and Bill Siewert was reelected vice-president and cashier.

James F. Green was reappointed assistant cashier and manager of the Arlington office and Veldon Robinson was reappointed assistant cashier of that office. Marion C. Green and Larry F. Brock were reappointed assistant cashiers of the Heppner and Ione offices.

Burglars Get \$80 At Heppner High; Safe Holds Firmly

Burglars who entered Heppner High school either late Thursday night or early Friday morning of last week failed in an attempt to break into the safe, but they took some \$80 from the office.

They also took some money from the pop machine, having found the key in ransacking the office.

An attempt had been made to drill the safe with no success, State Police Officer Curtis Culp and City Officer Bert Corbin said. They also attempted to enter the safe by chiselling through the side. They made a hole in the plaster but gave up when they hit the concrete wall.

The prowlers jimmed several doors in the school, and they went through the gymnasium and dressing rooms, the officers said. However, no malicious vandalism was noticed other than the damage done in forcing the doors and the attempt to enter the safe.

The \$80 consisted of money collected for various student and faculty funds.

Investigation on the entry was being continued this week by local officers and school authorities.

Auditorium Closed At Elementary School

Auditorium section of the Heppner elementary gym will be closed from now until the end of the school year for spectator events, Alan Martin, principal of the school, has announced. All plaster was removed from the ceiling early this month after large portions had fallen endangering children in the school.

The gymnasium part may still be rented, but the auditorium section is "off limits" for the rest of the year.

Repair work on the ceiling may be done during the summer if funds are made available, but plans now are uncertain, according to Martin.

Christmas Seal Campaign Lagging Behind Last Year

The Eastern Oregon Region of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association's 1968 Christmas Seal Campaign is running slightly behind last year's results in returns so far, Mrs. Marcel Jones, president of the Morrow County Council of the Oregon TB and Health Association, states.

Receipts as of January 9, were \$20,061.70, she said, compared with \$20,389.77 at the same date a year ago.

"The campaign still has a way to go," Mrs. Jones said, "and we earnestly hope that the people of Morrow county, who have supported our work so loyally in the past, will find time in the next few days to answer their mailman's Seal appeals. With so much remaining to be done in the struggle to wipe out TB and to control other respiratory diseases, we feel confident that every family will want to renew its annual Christmas Seal contribution which helps make this work possible."

The Morrow County Christmas Seal Council president, Mrs. Jones added, is looking forward to an intensification of its work in the field of prevention, detection and patient care in the respiratory diseases, ranked by the Public Health Service as number one among disabilities in the United States.

"To make such a program successful," she said, "the need for funds is greater than ever before."

Morrow county residents who received Christmas Seals in 1967 are asked to send donations to the OTHA, 830 Medical Arts Building, Portland, Oregon 97205.

CHILLY WEEK

Weather report for the week of January 24 to 30 as compiled by Don Gilliam, official observer, is as follows:

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| Wednesday | 61 | 32 | — |
| Thursday | 41 | 25 | — |
| Friday | 36 | 26 | — |
| Saturday | 26 | 12 | — |
| Sunday | 27 | 14 | — |
| Monday | 28 | 14 | — |
| Tuesday | 45 | 19 | tr. snow |

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