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Morse Pledges Support on Projects



"DON'T REMEMBER ME, DO YOU?" says Frank Turner (right) to Senator Wayne Morse here Monday as County Judge Paul Jones enjoys the conversation and Wright Mallory, supervisor, Umatilla National Forest, watches. Frank, sometimes known as "Mr. Heppner," was teasing the senator, who has the reputation for a remarkable memory, after having met him 12 or 15 years ago. The senator remembered Turner but couldn't recall his name. (G-T Photo).

No 'Divine Instruction From Heaven'

Senator Decries 'Military Lifeline'; Hits 'Fund Impoundment' Practice

"Our nation cannot set up a military lifeline around the world and survive."

So said Senator Wayne Morse in a talk before some 60 members and guests of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting here Monday.

Pressed to attend the meeting of the Democratic platform committee prior to the national convention, he nevertheless kept his appointment here and delayed his flight to Washington, D. C., by a day.

In his flowing articulate manner, Senator Morse covered local proposed projects with something of a progress report, talked of domestic issues, and spurred by questions, touched on political and international matters.

His comment on the 'military lifeline' came as a result of a question.

"I opposed from the beginning the Dulles policy, based on a military lifeline policy," he said.

Continuing, the senior senator declared, "We can't militarily contain China without going to war with China, and we would be in that war 20 years."

Nuclear Course Denounced
"If we dropped nuclear bombs on Peking today, we would be dying by the thousands on the west coast within 10 to 30 days," he said, in denouncing those who take the "tough" attitude of attacking such nations with nuclear bombs. Prevailing winds would bring the fallout over the west coast here.

"We have to get it out of our heads that we have some divine instruction from heaven to fight wherever communism rears its ugly head."

As to the coming convention, Senator Morse said that there is no doubt that Eugene McCarthy has more popular support of the people — not delegates — than Humphrey.

"I shall support whoever the party brings out," he said. The senior senator said that he doesn't believe McGovern has a chance.

He charged that the purpose of the Paris peace talks, contrary to administration publicity, was not to stop the Vietnam war but to work out procedural conduct with Vietnam while multi-lateral negotiations took place.

Asked about his attitude on gun control, the senator was vehement, pointing out that he voted against gun control three

times.

"I will vote against the Dodd bill and against the Tydings bill," he declared.

Currently his mail is running 5 to 1 in favor of federal control, but added, "I'm not going to vote for control just for political reasons."

The senator could give little encouragement on a farm bill. "I think what's left of it may pass," he said, adding that amendments will make it a "watered down" version of the original.

In discussing the Willow Creek project here, he said, "We battled a long time to get the authorization bill through in 1965," and added that the important thing is to "get that first spadeful of dirt turned over."

Once construction of a project such as this is started, it is almost completed, Morse asserted.

"Al Ullman and the whole Oregon delegation deserve equal credit" for work done to date on the project in Washington, the senator said.

Delegation United
"On the Oregon delegation there are no Republicans and no Democrats when it comes to problems in the district," he declared. When some problem comes up, the Oregon delega-

tion holds a meeting and one is chosen to "run interference" with whatever agency is involved. The rest back him up, but the spokesman speaks for the entire delegation.

This year the delegation asked for \$225,000 which the Army Corps of Engineers requested for the Willow Creek project.

"Most years we would have gotten some of it," the senator said. "This year no one got any. There were no new starts this year. Last year there were nine new starts in the nation, and Oregon got three of them."

Senator Morse said that Oregon is third in the nation on money spent on public works projects on a per capita basis.

To Try Next Year
"We're lying in wait for the first supplemental (budget) by March or the last of February and will recommend that Willow Creek be included—that will be our next crack at it," the senator said, and again added, "I cannot stress too much the job that Al Ullman has been doing on this."

As to the Kelly Prairie project, he said, "On my sworn oath, I have read every word of the

plans.

The senator said that he understood that revised plans call for a dam 60 feet high and a lake with some 200 to 250 surface acres, instead of the original plan for a 100 ft. dam and 480 surface acres.

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Heppner Property Reappraisal Set

Reappraisal of all assessable real property within the City of Heppner will begin Monday, August 26, Bill Johnson, appraiser, announces. This work is part of the continuing appraisal maintenance of which each assessor in the state is required to perform, Johnson said.

Under ORS 308.234, each parcel of real property shall be appraised at least once every six years.

Morrow county has been divided into six appraisal maintenance districts, of which the City of Heppner is in district No. 2. The reappraisal is estimated to take three to four months to complete, with the new values appearing on the 1968-70 assessment roll.

Johnson will make the appraisals and field inspections.

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Leaders Confer On Dam Plan, Kelly Prairie

At a meeting with county officials, businessmen, representatives of the State Game Commission, and of the Forest Service, Senator Wayne Morse Monday afternoon pledged to do everything in his power in Washington, D. C., to expedite proposed local projects that might benefit the economy here.

The 1 1/2 hour meeting was held in the county courtroom of the courthouse with Judge Paul Jones as chairman.

Several emphasized to him the need to bring to culmination some of the projects now, after the county has experienced several bad crop years with resultant damage to the business economy.

It was pointed out that many projects that require federal aid are under consideration or planned but none has been completed. Among them are the Willow Creek project, the Kelly Prairie fish impoundment, the Columbia Southside project, a proposed thermal nuclear plant, and others.

Seeks Interpretation
As to the Kelly Prairie project, stymied by a conflict of law that prevents one federal agency from obligating another, the senator issued this statement:

"As soon as I get back to Washington, D. C., I will ask Secretary Udall of the Interior Department to come before the Oregon delegation with the head of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and discuss the interpretation of the law. Then I will talk to the Forest Service people to be absolutely certain that this is their final judgment. I will stress that they owe it to the delegation and you people to be absolutely certain. Then I will ask if there is any other basis on which they can assist financially."

At stake is the possible appropriation of some \$180,000 in Golden Eagle funds (Bureau of Outdoor Recreation) that would match money from the State Game Commission for the project.

The game commission at one time placed top priority on the Kelly Prairie site for development until the ruling on the law came that seemed to eliminate the possibility of getting the matching money.

Wright Mallory, supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest, said that the Forest Service now has plans for development of the project on its own, but expected that it could not be completed until about 1974. It is expected that the lake would take two years to fill.

Plans Revised
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Lone Schools Set For Opening Day

Lone schools are ready for opening day on Tuesday, September 3, according to Harold Beggs, principal. There will be no pre-registration for any grade, either elementary or high school.

Fees will be as follows: Insurance (grades one through eight), \$1; insurance (grades nine through 12), \$3; towel fee (grades 7 through 10), \$2; school annual (optional), grades 7 through 12, \$3.50; student body ticket (grades seven through 12), \$6; textbooks (grades nine through 12), \$8.

First grade pupils will need a birth certificate and health certificate and students starting the ninth grade will need health certificates, the principal said.



THIS IS THE SORT OF ACTION that will thrill crowds at the Morrow county Rodeo here Saturday and Sunday. Rider pictured is Gibb Gregg, well known here as a Northwest Association cowboy, who was caught in action at the Spray rodeo earlier this year. Gregg, of Dayville, Ore., was the 1966 NRA champion saddle bronc rider and All-Around Cowboy.

Ex-World Champion In Top Field

One of the classiest fields of contenders in the history of the Morrow county Rodeo is due for "The Fastest Show in the West" here Saturday and Sunday, according to E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., rodeo chairman.

Bob Wegner, Puyallup Wash., ex-world champion bull rider for the RCA, is among the entries. He won the 1964 world's championship and was among the top five in national competition from 1958 to 1966. Wegner also won bull riding at the Pendleton Round-Up a number of years ago.

He turned to the Northwest Rodeo Association after 1966 and currently is third in NRA bull riding.

Gibb Gregg, Dayville, who has been leading in saddle bronc riding for the NRA this year and is a past winner of saddle bronc riding in the Morrow Rodeo, is expected to be competing.

WEEK-END EVENTS

- FRIDAY**
- 9:00 A.M. MORROW COUNTY OPEN HORSE SHOW
- 9:30 P.M. RODEO DANCE, Music by The Henchmen
- SATURDAY**
- 10:00 A.M. GRAND STREET PARADE
- 1:15 P.M. RODEO PERFORMANCE
- 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. PIT-COOKED BEEF BARBECUE, Episcopal Parish Hall
- 8:00 P.M. RODEO PERFORMANCE
- 10:00 P.M. RODEO DANCE, Music by The Shamrock Trio
- SUNDAY**
- 7:00 to 11:00 A.M. COWBOY BREAKFAST, Fairgrounds
- 1:30 P.M. FINAL RODEO PERFORMANCE

Fair 'Booms' Tuesday; Youth Severely Burned

Morrow county's 1968 fair probably started "with a bang" Tuesday morning, all right, but it really "boomed" later in the afternoon.

But it wasn't funny to many. It wasn't funny to Kirk Robinson, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, who is in Pioneer Memorial hospital with first and second degree burns.

It wasn't funny to those with livestock in the covered arena who were startled by a sudden explosion and rushed to evacuate the building.

It wasn't funny to firemen who were called to the scene. It wasn't funny to officers who contemplated what might have happened.

The report from Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, who investigated, is that probably three boys, including Robinson, pried open a door on a small room attached to the stock arena.

In this room, they were engaged in making "bombs" by using a mixture of sodium fluoride and sugar. Dr. L. D. Tibbles, who treated Robinson, said that the combination is quite explosive and described it as almost the same as the material that the truck was carrying which devastated Roseburg a number of years ago.

The boys wrapped paper around the mixture and applied fuses with which to ignite it.

Apparently one of them attempted to test a bomb while

young Robinson was present. He ignited it. It worked. It was powerful enough to move one of the walls of the structure six inches on its concrete foundation in one place. It caused a thunderous boom. It burned a large spot on the table where it had been placed. It caused a big flash that startled fairgoers.

Dr. Tibbles said that Kirk has second degree burns on the back of his right hand and lower back, where the explosion took off the outer skin, and first degree burns to his face and shoulder.

Sheriff Bauman said Tuesday evening that he had been unable to find two others believed involved and was reluctant to release the names of those suspected until they could be questioned.

He was unsure as of Tuesday evening what action would be taken.

The sheriff said that the boys may have thought they were making smoke bombs to be used in pranks at the fairgrounds. But others wondered how they learned of the formula for the powerful mixture.

Trucks of the Heppner fire department answered the late afternoon call to the scene. Chief Forrest Burkenbine called Chief of Police Glen Kolkhorst when he realized the cause of the alarm, and Kolkhorst, in turn, called sheriff Bauman because the site is out of the city limits.

Big Parade Gains Entries; Erwin Chosen Marshal

Additional entries to the Big Rodeo parade have brought the advance sign-up to normal or above, and Saturday morning's event will be as large or larger than last year's parade.

That is the expectation of Randall Peterson, chairman of the parade for the sponsoring Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

Harold Erwin, veteran rodeo hand who for several years has been announcer at the parade, will be grand marshal this year, Peterson announced early this week.

Among late entries confirmed for the parade, in addition to those previously announced, are the following:

All-Star Shrine football game queen, the Hermiston Wranglers, Umatilla Sage Riders, Cub Scouts of Hermiston, Umatilla County Fair court, the court of the Fossil Rodeo association, the Ione 4-H Trail Riders, Heppner Jay-

ees and the Pilot Rock Jaycees.

Peterson pointed out that more than \$400 in cash prizes will be given to winners in the many categories previously announced.

He urged all youngsters in the area to rig up some floats to compete in the many divisions offered for them. Young or old, however, there is a place for everyone in the parade and for most all kinds of entries—marching groups, mounted groups, glamor floats, humorous floats, comic entries, old cars, surreys, commercial entries, and others.

Theme of the parade is "Medley of Songs," and some of the more lavish floats, now in the process of preparation are following the theme.

Al Fetsch will be announcer this year, Peterson said. The parade will form in the area around the library-museum and on side streets to the west. Peterson and his assistants will be on hand to direct entries to their proper assembling spots,

Marvin Bothum of Sublimity, second in bull riding in the NRA, is another of the top hands expected, and Russell McCall of Redmond, who has been leading bareback riding in the NRA, is also scheduled to pit his skill against the field.

Miss NRA Coming
Fenny Lyons, Miss NRA, will be entered in barrel racing, coming from her home at Antelope, and it is hoped that Patti Pettjohn, of Ione, who won third in barrel racing among collegiate women in the nation, will also be entered.

As of Tuesday, Secretary John Venard had already compiled 70 entries in the rodeo, and the field is expected to swell to approximately 200 contenders by the entry deadline, 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

The bull riding event is already filled with 27 entries. Some six competitors had signed by Tuesday for the new novice bronc riding event. This is scheduled for Saturday evening but if a large field enters, it will also be presented in afternoon shows.

Sid Britt, who was last year's all-around cowboy, then from Spray, will be back to compete, having moved during the year to Lexington.

Wayne Evans, Morrow county all-around in 1967, is expected to try for the second leg on the Orville Cutsforth trophy, which must be won three times in succession for permanent possession.

Saddles Offered
Winner of the rodeo's all-around cowboy—the open event—will receive a custom made saddle as a gift from Morrow County Grain Growers and Padberg Machinery, Inc.

Winner of the Morrow county amateur calf roping will receive a similar beautiful saddle from Kinzua Corporation. Bob Fetsch won this event in 1967.

Rodeo performances—at 1:15 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday—will highlight the action-filled week-end.

One of the inviting features of the rodeo this year is the new all-steel grandstand which will put the crowd right where the action is—and in comfort.

Setting the theme for the week-end and bringing glamour and color will be the Grand Street Parade, which will be Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in downtown Heppner with the Chamber of Commerce as sponsor and Randall Peterson as chairman.

Dances Stated
Dances will be Friday and Saturday nights, with Heppner's Henchmen playing for the first dance and The Shamrock Trio of The Dalles, featuring Joe McConnell, playing Saturday night.

Queen Berniece Matthews and her princesses, Kathy Hinton of Boardman, Sheila Luciani of Lexington, Sue Ellen Greenup of Lena and Marcia Jones of Heppner, will reign throughout the week and will lead the

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