



SENATOR WAYNE MORSE took a minute to pose for this picture with the Morrow county courthouse crew just before leaving for Condon Monday afternoon. It was done hastily because he was pressed for time. From left in front are County Judge Paul Jones, Senator Morse, Commissioner Jack Van Winkle, and Commissioner Walter Hayes. Others from left are Bill Johnson,

appraiser; Mrs. Etta Parker, road department; Mrs. Elvira Irby, tax deputy; Mrs. Joyce Ritch, acting assessor; Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel, treasurer; Mrs. Barbara Devine of the assessor's office; Mrs. Harriet Batty, deputy clerk; Helen Anderson, employed in the assessor's office through Blue Mountain College; and Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk. (G-T Photo).

Sen. Wayne Morse Decries 'Military Lifeline' Policy

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 brochure that Judge Jones sent me. It's a tough one. Problems have developed between the Department of Interior and the Forest Service. I believe there is no question but that they interpret the law correctly. "I think we can work this out with the fine cooperation the Forest Service has shown. You're already on the land acquisition phase of it."
 The senator was referring to the difficulty encountered when the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation decided that it could not match state and local funds for the project with federal money because it would thereby obligate another federal agency, the Forest Service.
 "Don't assume that you don't need to continuously keep in touch on these projects," the senator pointed out. "Periodically call on the delegation for

progress reports. We then assign someone to run interference."
 The delegation then makes contacts that keep the project "alive."
 Sen. Morse said that the federal government owns well over 30% of the land in this state, and he argues that consequently the federal government "should come in and develop its lands in this state."
 He expressed displeasure at the government's practice of "impounding" funds appropriated for domestic use, saying that this sometimes runs from 40 to 60%.
 Asserting that it had been practiced through several administrations, he added, "It has accelerated into a gallop under the Johnson administration" and added, "Watch out for 1969."
 "The practice means that money appropriated by Congress is diverted from the intended use by the administration."
 Senator Morse told his attentive audience, in acknowledging Chamber President Wes Sherman's introduction that pointed out he was missing a day of the Democratic platform committee meeting to be here, "My first obligation is to take care of problems of the state as they relate to the federal government."
 He asked the audience the rhetorical question on what they think the first obligation of a senator is.

In answer, he said, "We owe the people the exercise of an honest independence of judgment," and said that he reserved the right to change his mind on honest conviction.
 The senator who has served 24 years in Washington, D. C., said, "I always serve on the assumption that each term will be my last," indicating that he chooses to follow his conviction rather than to win votes.
 He said that a senator must be willing to change his mind when he is proven wrong and gave illustrations of times that he had done so.
 Senator Morse said that he doesn't yield to pressure. When a pressure group deluges him with mail under the threat of not voting for him if he fails to act as they wish, he may write back, "Sorry I've lost your support."
 On the other hand, he said, "My mind can be changed by one letter or by one conversation."
 The senator said that he has been a strong supporter of the educational system and expects to introduce a bill where the federal government will assist with school construction by paying interest charges.
 "Employability is the big problem coming on," he said. Training young people in skills is necessary. "The majority of rioters in the cities today never held a job, were never trained to work," he declared.
 He stressed the importance of

a vocational education bill and pointed out the need for accelerating job training in high schools.
 The senator insisted on paying a 25c fine for not wearing a Rodeo tie to the meeting—along with some members of the Chamber who also had come to the luncheon and violated the pre-Rodeo rule. President Sherman then presented him with a tie and also to Mike Negus, his field coordinator for Eastern Oregon. Both immediately put them on, and they were still wearing them when they left Heppner.

Coach Issues Call To Grid Practice

All boys interested in playing football for the Heppner High Mustangs are asked to report Monday August 26 at 1:30 P.M. for issue of equipment, Coach Ed Hiemstra states. Following the issue of the practice uniform, the squad will hold its first workout at 3:30.
 Everyone must have a physical examination before participating, and examination blanks can be obtained from Coach Hiemstra or from the principal's office.

Senator Pledges Help on Projects

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he had said about the Willow Creek project in his Chamber talk, stressed the need to keep contact from the local level, and took with him pictures of the 1963 flood and some 200 reprints of a Gazette flood issue, backed with pictures, for distribution to proper sources in Washington. Some discussion centered on the possibility of increasing the ratio of benefits to cost, especially in the area of recreation, based on the use of Bull Prairie reservoir.

Gar Swanson and Oscar Peterson of the Port Commission urged his support for a possible thermal nuclear plant in Morrow county, the large volume of heated water from which would be used for irrigation. They presented a prepared plan in the form of a brochure for him to study.

The senator said that he was solidly behind this proposal was interested in the idea of irrigation from such a plant and said, "Morrow county is a darn good place in the state to do it."

He said, "I'm for bringing every acre under water that we can bring under water."

Ken Turner spoke of interest in the Columbia Southside irrigation project which is now under study. The senator said that appropriation for the study was very small—just enough to show that there is real interest in the proposal—in a year when federal fund appropriations were severely curtailed.

In answer to Turner's question on what should be done to expedite the project, he answered, "Cry to high heaven!"
 The group discussed the location of the controversial Highway 82-N which originally was destined to cross the Columbia River from Washington at Blacklock Island. Boardman. Later Morrow county and Umatilla county agreed to back the Umatilla bridge site.

Sen. Morse said that in his communications with the federal bureau on highways it was made clear that the decision rests with the State Highway Commissions of Oregon and Washington and the governors of the two states, after which the federal recommendation would be made.

The senator pointed out the necessity of them getting together on the matter. If the states cannot agree, then the federal bureau would have to make the decision. He said he does not believe that the bureau is pushing for a Tri-Cities route.

In the group conferring with the senator were Judge Jones; Commissioners Walter Hayes and Jack VanWinkle; Gene Pierce, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon; John Venard, manager of the Heppner Branch, First National Bank; Mayor W. C. Rosewall; Ralph Richards, Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district; Swanson and Peterson of the Port Commis-

sion; Wes Sherman, president of the Chamber of Commerce; A. V. Myers and Cliff Lemon, both of Portland, representing the State Game Commission; and Mallery of the Forest Service. Venard and Pierce expressed the plight of the livestockmen and farmers with the resultant effect on local business.

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