



MORROW COUNTY'S port commission revealed its new thorough brochure package to be used in promotion of development of the county at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. Dewey West (fourth from left), president of the commission, presents one of the brochure packets to Jerry Sweeney, Chamber of Commerce president, while others display other packets and materials. From left are Earl Jones, Bend, area conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, with map prepared by SCS on proposed nuclear plant siting and coolant water irrigation; Rupert Kennedy, coordinator, who was in charge of compiling the packet; Gar Swanson, treasurer of the commission; West; Sweeney; Dick Krebs, Larry Lindsay, and Oscar Peterson, port commissioners. (G-T Photo).

Port Commission Presents New Development Brochure

By KIT ANDERSON

Presentation of a brochure designed to entice expanding industries to locate in the Port of Morrow's new Industrial Park highlighted a two-hour session of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce here Monday.

Port officials were guests of the Chamber for the meeting. Dewey West, chairman of the port commission, presented the background of the brochure and of the port commission.

The brochure, just completed last week, will be presented to Gov. Tom McCall and legislators next week in Salem by port officials.

"The brochure will go to 2,000 expanding people throughout the United States," West stated. "They represent capable people, and we hope that some of them will be looking for us."

As much as the brochure is geared to attract industry, the commission is not concerned with industry to start with.

"Industry is not of prime importance in the beginning," West stated. "The potential is very great, and we want to get the lands and waters together first."

One way to get the lands and waters together is through building of a nuclear power plant in the industrial park, according to West. The nuclear plant was suggested earlier this month in a public meeting here. At that time, estimates were that the plant was at least ten years away.

The commission just two weeks ago finished acquisition of the 400 acres in the park. Gar Swanson, treasurer of the commission, told the large audience of the cost of the land acquisition, stating that the land would cost about \$41 per acre.

Over the ten years the commission has been in existence, only \$51,300 has been spent for operating expenses. Some \$13,000 has been returned, Swanson said. Almost \$148,000 was spent for land acquisition, he added. The commission has some \$87,000 on hand.

Oscar Peterson, another commission member, spoke of the possibilities of irrigation with the advent of a nuclear plant. An irrigation proposal is part of the brochure.

"We have a tremendous potential for irrigation," Peterson said. "The water from the plant would be sufficient for 80,000 acres to be irrigated, and with some expansion we could irrigate 180,000 acres."

The nuclear power plant would require coolant water at a rate of 500 gallons per minute, and development would be of seven different sites to hold the coolant water. Total acreage of the lakes could reach 8,000 surface acres.

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"The climate is very attractive to industries," he noted, "with our low rainfall and humidity and the large number of sunny days."

Among other items included in the brochure are Oregon's education ranking, the future plans of Boeing in the area, Oregon taxation and other pertinent items.

Copies of the brochure are available to the public through the Heppner city library, the county court, the school libraries, the Chamber of Commerce and through the Port Commission, itself. The brochure will be supplemented throughout the years, according to West.

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Heppner High Sports Face Realignment Proposal

By KIT ANDERSON

Heppner vs. Arlington. Heppner vs. Cascade Locks. Heppner vs. Culver. Heppner vs. Dufur.

You're not really seeing things. Those athletic pairings could exist in the 1970-71 school year if a proposed redistricting plan is passed by the delegate assembly of the Oregon school Activities Association (OSAA) at its meeting during the State high school track and field championships the last of May.

If the new plan were passed as it stands now, the Mustangs would be in a league including Sherman County, Pilot Rock, Wheeler County, Wasco County, Dufur, Arlington, Cascade Locks and Culver.

Morrow County's two other high schools, Ione and Riverside, would remain in the same league to which they now belong.

The realignment proposal was mulled by the OSAA Board of Directors last week-end at its meeting in Portland, and contrary to some reports, was not given approval.

Ron Daniels, Morrow County School District R-1 superintendent and member of the board of directors, told the Gazette-Times Tuesday the change in districts was being made because school boards have been asking for change.

"For the past seven or eight years, we've had requests from school districts to do something about redistricting," Daniels said.

Under the new program, several changes would be made: Major realignment in the metropolitan Portland area; basing school enrollment figures on grades 10-12 rather than on the present 9-12; changing the names of present classifications from A-1, A-2 and B to AAA, AA and A, and retaining the present attendance limits for classifications. All have been recommended to the OSAA.

The delegate assembly would vote only on the change of basing the enrollment figures from grades 9-12 to 10-12.

And that's what would affect the Mustangs.

Heppner, now with 210 students, is just barely meeting the lowest number possible to remain an A-2 school, or under the new proposal, an AA school.

With the change, however, the enrollment figure would drop to 150, and that wouldn't be enough to stay in the AA class. Heppner could, though, petition the OSAA to move up to the larger class.

Daniels said the meeting over the week-end was to hear testimony about the plan. Some changes were made from the original plan, including changing some AA schools to AAA on the basis of anticipated growth.

Hermiston, which would drop back to AA under the plan, petitioned to move up to AAA, and that request was granted.

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bers, with the exception of Pilot Rock, Heppner, and Sherman County, would be in district 7AA. Thus, the Mustangs could petition to join the AA district.

The concern may be all for naught here, as Daniels feels the new plan will not pass the delegate assembly, composed of one representative of each present district in the state.

"The votes would be very difficult to get," Daniels said. A two-thirds majority, or 17 votes, in approval, is required.

Carpenter said Tuesday that the Greater Oregon League has instructed its representative, Jerry Camman, of Vale, to vote against the proposed change.

In hopes of gaining approval Daniels said he will make two proposals to the board at the April meeting. One would set up separate classes for basketball within the A classification, much as is done now with the B-8 and B-11 football divisions.

More Districts Possible The other change would deal with the number of districts. Daniels feels there could be 12 districts in class AA, and 16 in class A. With more districts, regional tournaments between districts could be held.

"We need to take a longer look at the number of districts," Daniels said.

Whatever changes are made, it's almost certain that the delegate assembly will have to make some sort of a decision. And whatever it is, it will likely affect Heppner High's Mustangs.

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Labor Study Staff Completed; Employment Office Open

Four women to comprise the local staff for the Oregon Department of Employment's labor force and economic study of Morrow county were employed last week, and the study was underway this week with Mike Patrick in charge of the work for the Department.

Mrs. Paul (Gayle) Arbogast was hired to work in the office in the old city library. Three others will do contact work and interviewing throughout the county.

They are Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Loyd, who is assigned to Boardman and Irrigon; Mrs. Ewing (Bea) Hynd, Lexington and Ione; and Mrs. Arthur (Alice) Vance, the southern part of the county.

Also, as of Monday the office was open to applications for employment, and it will serve as an employment office during the time that the study is being conducted, an estimated three months.

Anyone seeking work is requested to appear at the office or call 676-9954, since a telephone has been installed.

In an appearance at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce on March 24, Patrick, accompanied by Gordon Clutter, manager of the Pendleton Employment Office, and Ray Donald of the Department, told of the plan for the survey.

"We decided that we were not paying enough attention to the rural areas," he said.

The survey will seek to determine what future manpower needs will be, and it will catalog economic resources and manpower. The survey is federally funded. No state funds are used, but the study is administered through the state.

He pointed out that employment counselling assistance will be offered through the office while the study is underway here.

Some rural areas have shown some undesirable trends that have a bearing on their labor force and economy, Patrick said. An example is the out-migration of youth that rural areas often experience. Also, unemployment rates are often high, and the rural areas are sometimes remote from employment service offices.

Through the study, the Department of Employment will seek to determine what might be done to assist in solving some of these problems.

The community assists in developing the information, and it will help decide what course to follow as a result of the material compiled in the study.

A house-to-house canvass is conducted to obtain some of the information that will include data on housing, schools, factories, churches, industrial sites, educational and vocational training of the work force, and considerably more. A brief history of the county will be included in the compiled report.

While it is strictly voluntary for the public to give information sought by the field staff, householders are urged to cooperate by allowing the few minutes of time necessary for the interview. All information is held confidential.

Through the study, the staff may find ways of being of assistance to the public, such as locating someone who may be eligible for training under the Manpower Act.

Field work is under the direction of Clifford Ingham, supervisor of the Smaller Communities Services Program for the Department, but Patrick will maintain residence in Heppner through the approximate 10 weeks period.

Parking Meters To Be Enforced

Parking meter regulations in Heppner will be strictly enforced by order of the council beginning Monday, March 31, and fine for violations, if paid within 24 hours, will be \$1. Mayor W. C. (Bill) Collins said Tuesday.

The \$1 fine is specified in the parking ordinance and supercedes the 25c fine that has been used for the past several years.

Mayor Collins said that the police department relaxed enforcement of the parking regulations during the heavy snow and bad winter weather when both parking and driving were difficult.

A council committee has made a study of the parking situation and has recommended that the ordinance be strictly enforced, using the \$1 penalty for violations. Those tickets not paid within 24 hours will bring a heavier penalty as provided by the ordinance.

Several years ago, the council agreed to a proposal offered by the Chamber of Commerce to cut the fine for violations to 25c as a courtesy to visitors and tourists. However, it has been found that most of the violators are local persons who have tended to take advantage of the small penalty.

Seniors Named For Elks Scholarship Awards

Two active Heppner High school seniors, Patti Healy and Larry Pettjohn, have been announced as this year's winners of the annual \$200 scholarships presented by Elks Lodge No. 358. The awards give recognition to graduating seniors who have maintained honor roll status and displayed leadership through their high school years.

Chosen to receive \$100 scholarships are Sara Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, and Terry Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peck, outstanding honor students.

Patti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy of the Lena community, has been a three-year member of the National Honor Society, is currently serving as student body treasurer, and is historian of the Future Business Leaders of America. She is one of the four princesses on the 1969 Fair and Rodeo court. Following graduation, she plans to continue her studies at the University of Oregon and prepare to become a librarian.

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