

## Law Enforcement Planning Grant Announced Here

A grant for a survey of present law enforcement resources and needs has been given to the District Twelve law enforcement council, it was announced last week.

The grant was announced by Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston. It is for \$4,161 to the council, which serves Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties.

The money was made available under the federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Acts of 1968.

A recent meeting of the planning council was held here, with representatives of the five counties, excepting Wheeler county.

Among those present were Morrow county sheriff John Molishan, Umatilla county sheriff Roy Johnson, Gilliam county sheriff Volney Thomas and Grant county sheriff Tom Neuss.

Others were Umatilla County Judge D. R. Cook, Hermiston police Chief Bob Adams, Pendleton Police Chief Ernest Gallaher, Grant County Judge Rho Bleakman, and two county officials from Umatilla county, Jim Epley and Jack Olsen.

The Morrow county court and Mrs. Grace Drake, juvenile counselor, were also at the meeting.

The grant will provide for a study here in the area by Lorin O'Gara, of the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council. He will make recommendations at a later date for the county.

Recommendations on a statewide basis include a year-around training school to replace the present month-long classes held twice a year, and a statewide law enforcement communications network.

O'Gara will make the local proposals sometime in April.

## Boardman News

Pam Kuhn, soprano, and Grant Walter, bass, have been selected to sing at the Pacific University at Forest Grove May 1-3 as part of a 200-voice choir. The 200 were picked out of 800 applicants. Toni Zielski, senior, will play the clarinet in a band of 200, picked from 600 applicants.

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## Judge Named on McCall Committee

Judge Paul Jones of Heppner has been named by Governor Tom McCall to serve on the Governor's Area Manpower Coordination Committee, it was announced here last week.

The committee, designed to pool the manpower efforts of all federal, state and local agencies, covers Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler counties. Its job is to identify the manpower and training needs of local communities and to fulfill the needs.

In setting up the committee Governor McCall said its purpose is "to insure that programs developing and utilizing manpower in Oregon will be planned and administered to provide the greatest benefit to the citizens of the state."

He directed that the work be done "in the most efficient manner possible and to provide complete service without unnecessary overlap."

The governor directed the principle of cooperative manpower planning by area would be the policy of the state and appointed a state manpower committee, in addition to the area committees, to carry out the plan.

Judge Jones will serve on the sub-committee on target population.

## School District Passes Calendar

This school year's not even over, but the Morrow county school district's board has already approved the calendar for next year.

Students will report for the first day of classes on August 29, the Friday before Labor Day week-end. According to Supt. Ron Daniels, this is done to allow dismissal of classes for Christmas vacation on the Friday before Christmas.

Those attending the first day of the new year will get at least some consolation—the day will only last until 1 p.m.

The rest of the calendar:

**MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1**

1969-70 School Calendar

August 21, 22, 25—In-Service—First Year Teachers Only.

August 26—Building In-Service Day—New Teachers Only.

August 27—Teacher In-Service.

August 28—Teacher Work Day (No Students).

August 29—First Day of School (Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.).

September 1—Labor Day Holiday.

September 2—School Resumes.

November 1—Veteran's Day (No School).

November 27 & 28—Thanksgiving Vacation.

December 15—Christmas Vacation (Regular Dismissal Time).

January 5—School Resumes.

March 16 to 20—Spring Vacation.

May 22—Graduation — Riverside High School.

May 24—Graduation — Heppner High School.

May 28—Graduation — Ione High School.

May 29—Last Day of School (Students).

June 1—Teacher Workday.

## Motor Vehicle Registration Up

Registrations of motor vehicles in Morrow county increased to a total of 4,518 in 1968, as compared with 3,863 in 1967, according to information from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Included in the total are 3,109 passenger cars, 838 trucks, 468 trailers, 94 motorcycles and nine buses.

All other counties in the state recorded increases in registrations except for Sherman county where they declined slightly.

In all, the additional registrations for 1968 in the state totaled 67,089 with three counties—Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington—accounting for nearly 33 per cent of the gain, or 22,075 vehicles.

Total registrations for 1968 were 1,378,715, as compared with 1,311,626 in 1967.

## Diamondmen to Play In Pilot Rock Tourney

After dropping their opening game of the season, Heppner High's baseballers head into the Pilot Rock Invitational tournament this week-end.

The Mustangs lost to Riverside's Pirates in the opener Friday, 3-2, at Riverside.

The Heppner club heads for Pilot Rock, where they will meet Nyssa at 1:30 p.m. in the opening game of the tourney.

Burns will meet the host Rockets in the half of the twin bill.

The losers of the two opening games will play Saturday morning at 10 for consolation honors, while the championship contest is slated for 1:30 that afternoon.

In Tuesday's contest, the Mustangs scored in the first frame, but had pitching problems in the fourth inning when the Pirates scored four runs.

Heppner's tallies came when Bill Baker blasted the opening pitch of the game into left field for a double, then scored when Keith Curnutt hit the second pitch of the contest for a left field triple.

Curnutt later scored on an error.

The Pirates got their fourth inning scores on three walks and a single brought home two. Two more walks and a fielder's choice added two more runs. The Riverside hosts added another single run in the fifth.

Couch Dale Holland used four Mustang pitchers, including starter David Gunderson and relievers LaVerne Van Marter, John McCabe and Larry Pettyjohn.

Baker was the leader for the Mustangs at the plate, as he was two-for-four. Besides Curnutt's triple, other Heppner hits went to Pettyjohn and Jerry Neely. Both collected singles.

Heppner outbit the Pirates, five to three. The Mustangs had one less error, two to Riverside's three.

"I was pleased with our fielding," Mustang coach Dale Holland said. Some of his players have only been out for practice since last Thursday, after returning from their wars at the state basketball tournament.

Other games for the Mustangs include a return match with Riverside here next Tuesday, and a contest with Umatilla there Thursday. The Pirate game is set for 2 p.m., while the Viking match is at 3 p.m.

## Youth May Qualify For Farm Work During Summer

Rep. Irvin Mann of Stanfield has taken steps that will allow 14- and 15-year-old youths the opportunity to work on farms this summer by supplying high schools with applications for special agricultural work permits.

The application forms will make it possible for students of those ages to get employment they were denied in 1968, he said in a letter to the school principals.

Rep. Mann said that those who wish to work should make their applications now and get the forms from the principals.

Those who wish agricultural work permits that will allow them to operate farm tractors and other power-driven farm equipment during the summer vacation may enroll in the 4-H tractor project.

The Federal Extension Service exemption provides opportunity for youth, 14 and over, to qualify for exemption from the Federal Child Labor regulation that excludes youth under 16 from certain hazardous occupations, including the operation of tractors and power-driven farm machines.

To complete the subscribed course by vacation time, interested youth must enroll soon. Adult leaders are required. Parents of interested youth and farm operators who may wish to hire the youth are suggested as potential club leaders. The OSU Extension Service will provide instruction manuals and certificates to those who pass the written and operating safety examinations. Extension agents will help organize clubs and arrange for the written and driving tests.

Forward looking 12- and 13-year-olds who wish to qualify for this exemption when they are 14 should enroll in the 4-H tractor program now. Those interested are advised to see the county extension agent or 4-H club leaders for additional information.

## Registered Nurses Urged to Return

Governor McCall has proclaimed the week of March 31 as "Professional Nurse Week" in Oregon. Several hospitals in Eastern Oregon have selected March 31 as the date to begin a refresher course for inactive nurses who wish to return to work. Registered nurses are in short supply and are being sought everywhere.

Grand Ronde and St. Joseph hospitals in La Grande, St. Anthony and Pendleton Community hospitals in Pendleton, Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston and Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner are cooperating in co-sponsoring a free eight week refresher course for registered nurses to help solve their common nurse shortage problem. Classes will be held in Pendleton, Monday through Friday and when successfully completed will qualify former licensed nurses for relicensure.

This is a tremendous opportunity for nurses fearful of returning to work after years away from their profession to be reoriented. The class is structured to quickly renew confidence by relearning former skills and updating knowledge and nursing techniques.

All professional nurses who have been thinking about returning to nursing "one of these days" are urged to call the Director of Nursing in any one of the sponsoring hospitals today.

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## School Budget Talk Listed for Chamber

Supt. Ron Daniels of Morrow county school district R-1 will speak on the 1969-70 school budget as the program feature of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting on Monday, March 31.

The special budget election throughout the county is scheduled for Monday, April 7, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. with polling places at Heppner Elementary school, Ione High school, A. C. Houghton school in Irrigon, the district office at Lexington, and the Boardman city hall.

At the public hearing last week, the budget was revised after it was found that receipts will be increased. Some proposed expenditures were cut, and the increase in tax levy in the general fund for the coming year is now placed at \$42,547.

## Six Boys Attend FFA Convention

The annual Future Farmers of America State Convention was held in Astoria March 19-21. Six Heppner boys, including Dave Hall, state reporter, attended the '69 sessions. Attending besides Hall were his brother, sophomore John Hall; senior Don Cossitt; juniors Steve McDaniel and John Harris; and freshman Kirk Robinson.

While at the convention John Hall was on the committee that picked the Star Farmer of Oregon and John Harris was on the committee to pick proficiency awards for Agri-business and Farm Placement. Steve McDaniel served on the Advance Record Book committee. All boys served as voting delegates sometime while at the convention. Each chapter is allowed only two voting delegates at a time.

The trip also included many sightseeing ventures in Astoria and in Seaside, where they stayed. It proved to be a new experience for the boys to see the Bumblebee tuna fish cannery and also many historical points of interest.

Accompanying the boys to the convention were their advisor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Whitaker.

Two of the newly elected state officers are from the Blue Mountain District, of which Heppner chapter is a member.

## Hearing Favors Vacating Block

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON—The City Council, after holding a hearing at which no remonstrance was presented, adopted an ordinance vacating the north-south alley in block 36, at the March meeting.

Mayor Wilson presented the engineers' evaluation of, and proposals on, the big documents for the water system. He informed the Council that, due to some irregularities and lack of compliance with proposal requirements, on the part of those submitting bids, and due to error in extension of figures, the low bidder was not James Robertson of Clackamas as it first appeared, but rather A. V. Deblaise of Yakima.

Additional financing in the amount of \$12,000 is needed for completion of the project, and as soon as details are worked out with Farmers Home Administration, through whom the project is being partially financed, the contract will be awarded.

Other business on the agenda included the appointment of Wilma Elgin to succeed herself on the Planning Commission for a 3-year term; and received planning commission endorsement on an annexation resolution previously adopted by the Council.

A proposal was adopted to set utility pay at \$2.50 per hour, with occasional hand labor to be paid at the present wage.

Proposed work was authorized for repair of the roof and windows on the City Service building and planting of trees between 4th and 8th Streets to begin the highway beautification project. Planting of trees and shrubs along the north side of the highway to 12th Street is planned for the next few years.

Those present at the meeting were, Eppenbach, McCoy, Sanders and Wilson. Stanley and Stewart were absent.

## Winter Moisture Well over Average

Farmers, ranchers and other water users in Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla counties will experience average to above average water supplies this spring and summer, according to a report released today at a water supply forecast meeting held in Hermiston by Tom George and Howard Vance of the Soil Conservation Service (USDA) cooperating with Oregon State University, Oregon State Engineer and others.

Snowfall during February brought less than usual amounts to the Blue Mountains. However, the snowpack is still excellent and is 136 percent of the 1953-57 fifteen year average.

According to the U. S. Weather Bureau winter precipitation has been 120 percent above average. Mountain soils are nearly saturated and should absorb less than usual amounts of snow melt water. Stored water in Cold Springs is currently 41,000 acre feet compared to the average of 40,300 acre feet. McKay contained 40,600 acre feet on March 1 compared to the average of 35,500 acre feet.

## FFA Youth Plan European Tour

Richard G. Buckovic, Molalla, vocational agriculture teacher, has been chosen by the People-to-People organization as the leader-host of an Oregon FFA Agricultural Youth Goodwill People-to-People travel delegation to Europe this summer. The delegation is scheduled to visit the countries of England, Scotland, Norway, East and West Germany, Hungary, Italy, and Spain during July 10-31, 1969.

The purpose of the mission is to give outstanding farm youth from the State of Oregon the opportunity to visit their occupational counterparts abroad on a person to person basis. They will meet with people from all phases of agriculture, compare methods and make frank off-the-record exchanges of views and thinking with individuals. They will have the opportunity to promote understanding and goodwill, to tell the story of Democracy during face visitations and to improve relations and feelings toward the American people.

The delegation, limited in size and chosen on recommendation and by invitation, will be composed of young people from the entire state of Oregon representing all phases of our agricultural enterprises. Each participating member pays his own way; therefore, it is not a Federal function, nor is it political in nature. It is endorsed by the Future Farmers of America. More information on the delegation, now being formed,

**CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY**  
Morrow County  
(For week ending March 21, 1969)

Winter condition of field crops good. Spring grain seeding started. Plowing starting in south end of county. Livestock condition fair. Hay supplies nearly gone. Spring grass slow in starting. Grazing prospects very promising.

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