

Adults Attend Teen-age Forum

The Morrow County juvenile advisory committee met Monday evening at the courthouse with a Teen-Age Forum. In addition to Mrs. Grace Drake, juvenile department director, present were two ministers, a reporter, a rancher, a teacher, a law man.

The Teen Forum was moderated by Molly Becket with members Jim Healy, Bruce Buchanan (Riverside), Gwen Drake, Craig Cutting and Darlene Warren (Ione High). General headings of topics were "Recreation in our Community" and "What Adults Need to Know".

The young people felt it would be a help if the communities had more recreation. They would like a theater and good dances with live music. They felt that with poor music the kids leave and start drinking. They would like the cafes to stay open after the dances for a place to dine and to visit.

They felt the bowling alley was good and they liked the reasonable prices. They would like more time open for kids without adults around.

The Riverside student said the kids in his area mostly went to Hermiston for amusement.

The Ione student told about "The Spot", a teen age gathering place in Ione. It had done well for a while, but the kids lost interest and it was difficult to obtain enough chaperones.

Several told of 4-H Clubbers picking up litter on roadsides in the county as a worthy public service.

They discussed parents' attitudes and responses. One said they were quite good about his going out. One girl student said if she called to inform her parents she would be late, everything would be okay, otherwise the parents were upset. She is expected to be home by one a.m. on weekends.

It was suggested they invited other schools to dances in order to have large enough dances to afford live music. One lad objected to too many chaperones at dances. It was reported that the "beer problem here" was better than it had been. However, it was reported anyone can drive to Pendleton and obtain all the beer he wants. A few kids in town drink every week, it was observed. In some places the drinking is socially acceptable; drinking is widely accepted by parents and accessibility of cars makes transportation very easy and liquor is thus very easy to obtain.

One student observed he felt the small towns have more drinking than some of the larger ones.

Young people would like not

to be put down for what adults do.

Several agreed skiing needs to be pushed at Heppner.

The law man was greatly concerned about drinking as it is related to driving and the heavy incidence of fatal accidents—some 75%—due to drunken driving among the young.

Students discussed their impressions of a youth meeting in the Coliseum in Portland which they felt was interesting.

Juvenile Offenses Grow

There were some 29 juvenile cases in 1968. In 1969 there were some 58 cases. Of these 43 were boys and 15 girls. Minors in possession of liquor 22; traffic violations, 15; vandalism 10. Thirty-seven of the families involved were intact rather than broken families. Most family heads were skilled workers, then came ranchers. Age-wise, there were 14 fifteen year olds, 10 thirteen year olds, 11 seventeen year olds, 10 sixteen year olds.

It was mentioned that some suggestions might be called to the attention of the Legislature to help with the terrible toll of lives taken in car accidents. Suggestions included breath tests and other mandatory tests such as walking tests.

Next year's suggested budget for the juvenile department is \$3720.

Play Festival Well Enjoyed

The 8th Grade Play Festival was an event of March 12, directed by Mrs. Judy Gochmeyer. It was the 8th grade's first play besides Christmas.

About 500 parents, relatives and friends enjoyed the three plays highly.

"Ghost For Rent" had players Rick Pettyjohn, Delvina Turner, Charma Marquardt, Dana Sweek, Kathy Arrington, Lucy Huber, Cyde Allstott, Doug Gonty, Valerie Simkins. Student directors and stage help: Barry Munkers, Mark Schlichting, Luke Padberg, Jack Chitty, Robert Hughes, Sheryl Massey, Jack Unrein, Marie Shuman, Wayne Gentry, Dyck Dunlap.

"Shades of Aunt Jane" had players Patricia Van Scholack, Judy Bennett, Tom Roberts, Toni Toll, Randy Morris, Carlita Marquardt, Andy Johnson.

Stage directors and stage help: John Myers, John Boyer, Monte Schiller, Norine Cecil, Susan Healy, Kyle Robinson, Mike Prock, Mark Cutsforth, Veronica Mecham, Lee Ann Tipples and Helen Byrne.

"Paul Wrecks The Car" was presented by Greg Davidson, Lolita Marquardt, John Healy, Wendy Phegley, Gary Hunt, Kristi Haguewood, Charlie Sumner, Patricia Hughes, Robin Riddle.

Student directors and stage help: Christy Bradley, Michele Evans, Mike Bergstrom, Jim Wilhelm, Doug Gunderson, Douglas Johnson, Glenna McLachlan and Teri Rogers.



FAYE RUHL, first place singles champ in the Hermiston City Women's Bowling Association Tournament March 1. Her score was 675.

Sen. Mann Talks About the Future

Today's need for nuclear power in the Northwest, coupled with ample cooling water in the Columbia River, the need by thousands of wheat farmers to diversify, the availability of raw land in quantity in eastern Oregon and Washington and the demonstrated practicality of irrigating with the coolant waters, was compared by Rep. Irvin Mann, (R) Stanfield, speaking to The Dalles Lion's Club this week, to the opportunity that greeted the pioneers when they arrived in Oregon in the 1840's.

"The existence, at one time, of all of these factors makes our time the rough equivalent of the existence of a virgin Oregon to those pioneers in the 1840's," Mann said.

Mann warned that the new concern about ecology may result in attempts to maintain eastern Oregon and Washington as a frontier, retarding its growth and bringing on stagnation.

Noting that everyone wants clean air, water and beauty in the environment, he warned against going over-board and locking up natural resources in the name of these goals. "There is a tidal wave of public opinion for clean environment but we must use reason to prevent an over-reaction that will stifle our normal, healthy development," Mann said.

Describing the developmental possibilities, Mann said, "however, not as a nostrum, but as a solemn pledge to our youngsters and the future let us dedicate now to nurture this development so that it better livability as it progresses, rather than succumbing to the selfish approach of the industrial buccaner of a century ago in the east. We have their horrible example before us, let us learn from it."

Fiesta Bowl

Saturday Morning Golf-offs

Team	Won	Lost
Nine Pins	39	21
Ten Pins	33 1/2	26 1/2
Uncolins	30	30
Cardinals	27 1/2	32 1/2
Killers	26 1/2	33 1/2
Lyons	23 1/2	36 1/2

High Ind. Game—Kenny Eckman, 145; High Ind. Series—Gary Hunt, 363 (sub.); High Team Game—Killers, 450; High Team Series—Killers, 1212.

City

Team	Won	Lost
Heppner Lbr. Co.	16	14
Bristow's Market	13	7
Fiesta Bowl	13	7
Heppner Nor Gas	9	11
Parrish Garage	5	15
Masons	4	16

High Ind. Game—Ron Jones, 194; High Ind. Series—R.B. Cogburn, Don Ball, 518 High Team Game—Heppner Lumber Co., 1085; High Team Series—Heppner Lumber Co., 2931.

Thursday Night Ladies

Team	Won	Lost
Columbia Basin	14	6
Kinzua Corp.	11	9
Toyota	10	10
Ruggles Ins.	10	10
Murrays Rexall	8	12
Elma's Flowers	7	13

High Ind. Game—Marie Ball, 200; High Ind. Series—Loy Harlin, 500; High Team Game—Toyota, 920; High Team Series—Toyota, 2636.

Sparetimers

Team	Won	Lost
Peterson's Jewelry	21	11
Bank of EO	20	12
Central Market	17	15
Elma's Apparel	13	19
Lott's Electric	13	19
MCGG	12	20

High Ind. Game—Barbara James, 196; High Ind. Series—Phyllis Cole, 496; High Team Game—Peterson's, 911; High Team Series—Peterson's, 2693.

Blue Mountain

Team	Won	Lost
Gar Aviation	23	13
Crisp Logging	21	15
Post Office	20	16
Central Market	18	18
MCGG	15	21
Rietmanns	11	25

High Ind. Game—C. Aldrich, 230; High Ind. Series—W. Ball, 579; High Team Game—MCGG, 1043; High Team Series—MCGG, 3070.

Father Raymond Beard of St. Patrick's Catholic Church announces a change of hours for mass on Palm Sunday. The regular 11:00 mass will be held at the Ione Church and the 9:00 mass will be at the Heppner Church. The change of times for mass will be for Palm Sunday only, then services will return to the regular times.

Fair Tax Limitation in Proposed Initiative

Built-in benefits to taxpayers and guaranteed basic programs for all Oregon school children are features of a Constitutional amendment welcomed as "the first essential wave of reform in financing schools" by Dale Parnell, state school superintendent, in a talk in Tigard recently.

A citizens support group for the initiative petition to establish new tax bases for all school districts was launched at Oregon Education Association headquarters as The Committee for Stable School Finance.

The measure, sponsored by the OEA, Oregon Association of School Administrators, and Oregon School Board's Association, amounts to a "fair tax limitation," Parnell told the citizens group.

New tax bases are no panacea or cure-all but would provide a major breakthrough in bringing some stability to school finance, he said.

Since some two-thirds of Oregon's 356 school districts now have no tax base and annually must go to the voters for money to operate, and since other districts have a tax base originating in 1916, the provision for establishing new tax bases is long overdue.

In 1916 Oregon voters through an initiative measure locked the six percent limitation into their Constitution. This requires any taxing unit, such as a school district, to hold an election for approval of a tax levy that would exceed its new tax base established by adding six percent to any base used in the previous three years. Computation of the tax base also is specified in the Constitution. Many school districts do not at present have tax bases because of reorganization involving new districts since 1916 or because of the loss of tax bases for other reasons.

Parnell reminded his listeners that in 1969-70 only 19 school districts were able to operate within their existing tax bases, and 495 school budget elections were required last year before voter approval was given to all budgets involved. Not only are repeated budget elections costly in money, time, and torn

communities, but instability and unpredictability of school financing leads to poor management, he said. The inability of administrators to do long-range planning contributes to inefficient use of resources.

The initiative petition would keep the six percent limitation in the Constitution but it would establish updated tax bases for every school district. These would be computed from a tax base that will approximate the total current operating budget, thus assuring funds for a basic educational program in every district. Elections to exceed the tax base would be prohibited and elections to establish new tax bases in the future would be limited to two a year with specific dates set by law. (Last year some districts had four or five elections.)

The measure also gives the Legislative Constitutional authority to provide for additional growth in tax bases to reflect increased enrollment, and to limit the amount of increase to less than six percent if the economy of the state so indicates.

Besides a realistic tax base to provide adequate operating revenue for a basic program, and besides limits on increased levies and on repeated elections, the measure will benefit local taxpayers by providing that state Basic School Support Fund money will serve to offset the tax base. This means that in-

Immunization Dates Reset

First of the Morrow County School Immunization Clinics, previously cancelled due to the incidence of flu and upper respiratory diseases, have been rescheduled for the following time: IONE SCHOOLS; Tuesday, March 24, 8:45 a.m., at Ione Grade School.

HEPPNER SCHOOLS: Friday, March 27, at 8:45 a.m. at Heppner Elementary school with high school to follow.

The clinics are under the direction of County Health Officer, Dr. L. D. Tibbles. Kindergarten, grade and high schools are included in the program.

Parents of kindergarten children at Heppner who attend the second session and are to receive immunizations, are requested to bring the children to the grade school at 9:00 the morning of the clinic.

Mrs. Earl Hall and Jodi came Wednesday of last week from Portland to visit a few days with her mother, Mrs. A. G. Pieper.

stead of adding BSSF money to locally-raised money, all future money appropriated by the Legislature for school support will be distributed as property tax relief, Parnell said.

He urged all citizens concerned about the quandary of school finance and the quality of education in Oregon to work for passage of the initiative measure.

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The heavy import tax makes the cars — imported from Australia — very costly. \$2600 class cars here in the U.S.A. cost \$3600 in New Zealand because of the tax. Groceries and meats and wages are lower than in the U.S.

Some of the people have been moving to Australia.

Many of the New Zealand farms are fairly small. Dairies mostly have from 5 to 90 cows and are very modern.

Soil conservation is widely practiced. He added there were very fine sheep shearing facilities. Area has quite a good rainfall.

In the frost-free area where rainfall is about 90 inches a year, the land sells for \$300 to \$350 an acre.

They admired the fine fences of eucalyptus posts, hardwood stays and concrete. The pastures there are called paddocks. Most sheep are a Romney cross with Merinos, a very good looking breed.

In one area they got B & B (bed and breakfast) for \$11, New Zealand money. They admired some beautiful mountainous country with geysers and hot springs. They even have some thermal power plants. Arca has some really spectacular falls.

The men saw one large freighter loaded with 500,000 lamb carcasses bound for London. Lambs market for \$3.75 for a half carcass.

He said they apply some 100 to 200 pounds of dry fertilizer by airplane. Fertilizer is made for, nitrate, phosphate and guano. They run something like 10 head of sheep per acre.

Phil told of their reclaiming some Crown lands with a heavy seeding and about 500 lbs. of fertilizer. They call the developments Economic units and consist of about 400 to 500 acres. Phil added they have a waiting list to buy these new ranches.

The trip was by the Phil Mahoneys, Orville Cutsforth and Phil Cohns. They also went to Fiji and Australia.

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