

The RAD in Oregon

By OSCAR PETERSON

It was my privilege just a few days ago to attend one of the regular meetings of the RAD committee. (Rural Areas Development Committee) in the assembly room of the Public Service Building in Portland. For several years past now I have been a member of this committee and for the most part, have attended the quarterly meetings.

The origin and history of the committee is interesting. The committee was appointed by the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service in the fall of 1961 at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture. Twenty-one people were appointed from a list of names recommended by a group of Federal and State Agency Administrators. They were people from different lines of endeavor and from different areas of the state. The committee elected its own officers, and Judge Harris Higgins of Hood River was the first chairman. He was followed by George Schroeder of Crown Zellerbach, Portland. Present chairman is Ernest Jernstedt, farmer from the Carlton area. Committee members serve three year terms on a staggered basis, and replacements are selected by the committee as a whole. The committee has written and adopted a set of by-laws which state its purpose as being:

"The purpose of the Oregon State Rural Area Development Committee is to provide guidance to rural area development efforts in the State of Oregon. Among other things, this includes advising public agencies on ways to use their efforts more effectively to promote economic development by private and public enterprise in the several areas of the state. The committee cooperates in identifying areas of need and areas of opportunity for expanded employment and investment in agriculture, manufacturing, recreation, commerce and other economic endeavors within the state. It reviews studies of the state's economy and of the economic environmental and developmental status of specific regions within the state to help evaluate and implement recommendations deemed to be in the public interest."

Jean W. Scheel, who is Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service of Oregon State University is the secretary. In addition to Schroeder, Jernstedt, and myself, we have as members on the committee: Jalmor Johnson, The Oregonian, Portland; Don Jackson, Central Lincoln People's Utility District, Newport; Rex Gibson, retired banker, Salem; Fred Breen, Chamber of Commerce Manager, Eugene; Mrs. Marion Weatherford, Arlington home-maker; Lou Growney, Portland, Commercial Manager, Pacific Power and Light Company; Don Coykendall, Gold Beach, Public Power REA; R. E. Schodden, Gresham, farmer; Elmer Peterson, Sauvie Island, Area Vice President, National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Richard Ems, Portland, District of Traffic and Sales Manager, Pan-American Airways; Mrs. Doris Bounds, Hermiston, Executive Vice President, Inland Empire Bank. This is to name a few. There are in all now 21 members. At our meetings there are at least 10 or 12 in attendance, as well as speakers for the various topics on the programs. Also many visitors.

Over the years meetings have been held in Newport, Corvallis, Salem, Portland, North Bend, Albany, and Bend. It is now suggested that our next meeting, April, will be held here in Eastern Oregon, either Hermiston or Boardman.

Such topics as: Oregon's Organizations for Industrial Development; Oregon Community of Tomorrow; Recreation and Tourism in the Oregon Economy; the Nature and Importance of the present Metallurgical Operations; Oregon's Forest Resources; and the Future of Oregon's Forests; Oregon Potential for Food Processing; the Future of Nuclear Development and Oregon's Potential here; (to this meeting, held in Corvallis, several members of our Port of Morrow were in attendance. An Analysis and Projection of Oregon Population Data, (who, how many, and where). Next topic for the meeting could be: Disperse and Increase Economic Opportunity with emphasis on Urban Problems. Don McKinnis of the State Department of Agriculture offered his assistance in setting up the arrangement for a tour and meeting in the Hermiston area. He suggested that the tour be on a Friday afternoon, with the committee meeting on Saturday forenoon. The dates of April 23 and 24 identified, subject to agreement with local interests concerned. Jean Scheel explained the concerted effort of the program and suggested that this would be a logical basis of consideration in the meeting.

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Irrigon to Hear Judge Paul Jones

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON—A special Council meeting has been called for Thursday, March 18, when Judge Paul Jones will be present to present material on local government. Opposition to the Council of Governments, has made it necessary to seek a new approach to local problems. The public is invited to attend this information meeting, held in the upstairs council room in the old school building at 7:30 p.m.

4-H Activities

Four-H leaders met at the Don Adams home March 9, and drew up a set of by-laws to be presented to the Community Club of North Morrow County. The next meeting of this club will be on April 8 at the A. C. Houghton school. Parents are invited to attend. The square dancing club will meet on this Thursday, March 18, at 7:30.

There is to be a leaders forum at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton on March 27 at 10 a.m. for 4-H leaders from Eastern Oregon Counties. A dinner will be served and leaders will be given a guided tour of the college and campus. Workshops on various subjects will be offered to the group.

There was a Livestock 4-H club, showing and fitting day, Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. at the Fairgrounds in Heppner. About 17 local members, joined the group of about 100. Leaders who accompanied the 4-H members included, Pete Richards, Donald Leighton, Francine Evans, Helen Acock, Marge Acock. Dr. John Landers from OSU Extension Livestock specialist gave instruction on how to show and fit their animals for the fair, at the morning and afternoon sessions.

Nuclear Siting Meeting

An information meeting on nuclear power plant siting and environmental effect, was held in the Cafeteria of A. C. Houghton School, on March 10. William J. Dowis, consulting engineer for Douglas United Nuclear and Rupert Kennedy, Port Commissioner for Morrow County were guest speakers. They were presented to the local gathering by Bennie McCoy, a member of the Morrow County Sanctioning Committee. This was the 7th such meeting in the County.

Among advantages of a nuclear power generator stressed by Dowis, from an environmental standpoint, was lack of smoke-type pollutant and few fumes.

Coolant water used for irrigation would be very beneficial in developing row crop land in North Morrow County. Plans call for between 1 and 2 hundred thousand acres to be developed and farmed in this area in the next few years.

Although conclusive research has not been completed, fear of excessive radiation from such a plant is unwarranted, according to Dowis. The average annual amount of radiation exposure of 500 to 1,000 millirems, to which everyone is subject, would only be increased to 5 millirems if a person lived within 1/2 mile of the plant. This same amount of exposure is received in one trip from coast to coast on an air liner flying 30 to 35 thousand feet.

Rupert Kennedy concluded the meeting. He indicated that residents of Morrow County would be asked to approve a nuclear plant before any large amount of money is spent on developing one. He showed slides of extensive plans for irrigation and suggested that these could be brought into use with a pumping plant, which a nuclear plant could hook onto at a later time.

Mesteth-Conforth Wedding
Jennie Anne Mesteth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mesteth of Irrigon and John Conforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Conforth of Umatilla, were married March 12, at the home of Justice of the Peace, Ernest Jorgensen. Brenda Proctor and Vern Mesteth were their attendants. There was an Indian feast at the Mesteth home after the wedding.

The groom is employed on his father's ranch.

The Ladies Aid met March 4 for their regular meeting in the basement of the Community Baptist Church. They tied a quilt for Mrs. Ito Rucker and refreshments were served.

Lions District Meet Attended
Mrs. Ernest Jorgensen, who is district director for the Lions Auxiliary, District 6, attended the Lions Auxiliary State Springboard Meeting March 6 and 7, at the Thunderbird Hotel, in Portland.

Charles Woodcock from the State School for the Blind, showed films of the school. The Mt. Hood Choral group, comprised of students from various colleges of the Portland area entertained them.

PTA Officers Elected
At the PTA meeting March 8, the following officers were elected to serve next year, Mrs. Gene Trumbull, Boardman, president; Mrs. Billy Griffin, vice presi-

dent; Mrs. Chester Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Ron Daniels, Boardman, treasurer.
A film was shown concerning the drug problem. Refreshments were served.
Mrs. Pete Richards visited her sister Olivera Klindt, in The Dalles last week.

Ada Montague of Toppenish, Wash., is visiting her sister, Josephine Buchanan, in Irrigon.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cheatum of Roseburg, are visiting at the Tom Sweeney home. They hope to locate in the area.

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McEwen Outscores The Cold Mustangs

McEwen outscored the freezing cold Mustangs 22-6 in the third quarter to come from behind and win 53-43 at Athena last Friday.
Steve Rhea's 12 points in the first half sparked the Mustangs to 23-15 lead at intermission, but the whole team went cold in the third quarter and fell behind 37-29 at the quarter. Heppner could do no better in the fourth period against the fired up McEwen team and they trailed 53-43 at the final buzzer.

McEwen's Kamp held scoring honors for the game with 26 points.

This Thursday, the Mustangs will travel to The Dalles Seating Tournay and meet Riverside High in the preliminaries.

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pitch for bringing people into an area. Neither to encourage industrial development. As a member of the Port of Morrow Commission I know that we have been very selective in encouraging industrial development. We shall continue to be so. As of now we are greatly interested in nuclear development. In fact, we are high in the priority for nuclear plant developments both in the Port of Umatilla and the Port of Morrow districts. I can think of nothing that would be healthier for our economy and environment. Certainly there is much emotionalism involved in public pressure on some environmental issues, but it is hoped factual information now available will prevail. So far as population growth is concerned I like Glenn Jackson's statement: "Livability should be high on the list of priorities which big employers establish as guidelines for the selection of plant sites". (Glenn Jackson is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pacific Power & Light Co., Chairman of the Oregon State Highway Commission, and deep involved in industrial and financial affairs.) I think we can concentrate on livability here for our Eastern Oregon area.

LONEROCK NEWS
LONEROCK — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welborn and son from Eugene spent the weekend at their Lonerock ranch. They have wintered some of their cattle here and the open winter has been ideal for that purpose.

John Campbell underwent surgery Tuesday morning at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. He had been under observation since a week ago Wednesday.

Tom Ferschweiler, the staff writer for the Portland Oregon Journal visited Lonerock last week and took ten pictures of our little town. They included the Rock, Church, P. O. Building, row of mail boxes, jail, a section of rail fence, picture of Mayor Lloyd Rogers and his wife and Mrs. Ellen Harris, recorder and treasurer.

He also wrote a short story about the town, and this was published with the pictures in March 3 issue of the Journal.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morgan from Salem visited the Emmett Davis family and were here to get information about the early settlers in this area. Their account will also be published in the Portland Journal.
Mrs. Morgan, the former Virginia Morley lived in Lonerock for a number of years and her mother, Louise Morley, operated the large ranch that was later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Campbell.

Carolyn Davis and Sherry Gobutapa, students from Walla Walla College, spent the weekend at the former's home here.

Mrs. Cecil McDaniel from Hardman was a Lonerock visitor this week.

Weekend guests at the Archie Padberg home were Mr. Padberg's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore and family of Gresham.