

Civil Defense Reorganized

The County Courthouse was the scene Tuesday evening of a reorganization meeting of Morrow County's civil defense. It is now called the County Dept. of Emergency Services.

Judge Paul Jones explained the make up of the department. He said the flood in May demonstrated the need for an emergency organization. He told of the radio communications system and reconditioned radios are being installed in city fire equipment and road equipment so that all vehicles can be tied together for communications services.

Don Viera was present. He is from the State Dept. of Emergency Services and was active in the discussion. The high school is a recognized shelter in case of nuclear attack. Mr. Viera said the county organization would be most helpful in case of nuclear attack, or in floods and fires. He said scientists have said Oregon is overdue for an earthquake.

Don Munkers told of attending a radiological and decontamination school.

The Judge suggested the heads of the departments submit a plan to show what each would do in case of emergency. The group voted to submit the plans by Jan. 18.

The Judge emphasized the great need for cooperation from private citizens.

There was a discussion on locations for the new sirens. Activators and special materials needed would cost \$2000 each. Forie Burkenbine explained the plan to set up a siren on a flatbed truck and make volume tests in the vicinity of the Legion Hall and the swimming pool. The Judge said they had applied for Federal funds to finance the siren set up. They plan to use manual controls because of the costs.

Staffing

Staffing the County Dept. of Emergency Services are the County Court with Judge Jones as director, assisted by Commissioners Walter Hayes and Homer Hughes; district attorney, Herman Winter, legal advisor, Coordinator, Mrs. Herman Green, Public Information Officer, Charlie Heard. Mayors on the Advisory Council, Heppner Mayor Bill Collins, Ione Mayor Bill Rietmann, Lexington Mayor Red Leonard, Boardman Mayor Dewey West, Irrigon Mayor Chester Wilson, School District, Ron Daniels, Mrs. Bethel Heinrichs, Deputy Director of Administration and chairman of Flood Watch Committee, Victor Goshen, Deputy Director of Logistics and Sanitation, Barbara Devine, chief, records and clerical, Director of Training for Radiological Defense and Decontamination, Don Munkers, Director of Religious Services, Ed Cutting, Chief, Welfare, Betty McDonald, Manpower and transportation chief, Herman Green, Chief of Maintenance and Supply, D. E. Hudson, Sheriff John Mollahan, law enforcement Forest Burkenbine, warning and fire protection, Robert Jensen, communications chief, Bud Springer, shelter manager and chief of water utility, Dr. Tibbles, medical health director, L. E. Dick, Rescue Chief, Harold Sherer, Chief of Engineering & Damage Assessment, Chief of Power Utilities, Bill Gentry, Merlin Cantin, Chief of Telephone Utilities.

Flood Insurance

A public meeting was planned last night for the Courthouse. This was to be an informational meeting about the proposed Heppner Flood Plain. The insurance program was to be studied so the County Court and City Council of Heppner would know whether the public wished to be included in such a program here.

Hospital Rooms Redecorated

Three patient rooms of Pioneer Memorial Hospital have been redecorated due to the kind generosity of Harold Cohn, F. W. Mahoney, with an assist from Ernie Winchester's paint brush.

1971 HEPPNER CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

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Recognition to Merchants having best Christmas Displays. Judging starts at 5 P.M., Dec. 19. Winning displays must be kept lighted each night through Christmas Week.

First place winners the last two years not eligible for prizes in their winning category but it is hoped they will repeat their beautiful decorations. They may win in a different category.

4-H Helps Make Informed Citizens

By DON STANGEL

With the lowering of the voting age to 18, Oregon's 4-H citizenship programs have taken on new importance, points out Don Stangel, Morrow Extension Agent.

"Oregon 4-H members have been studying local and state government in action for nearly 15 years," says Cal Monroe, Oregon State University Assistant State 4-H leader, "with the hope that they will be better informed citizens and take a more active part in their government."

Each county, plus the City of Portland and Warm Springs Indian Reservation annually selects a boy and girl to attend the State 4-H Conference held each February in Salem. This year's Know Your State Government Conference will be held Feb. 6-7-8, and is billed as the state-wide focal point of citizenship activity.

While in Salem, the older 4-H members meet with state officials and visit state buildings. During legislative years, members of the Legislative and others meet with them to review the law making process.

In non-legislative years, representatives of the Legislature meet with them. Every year, representatives of the judicial and executive branches discuss their duties and concerns.

"Because these young people will be voters in two or three years, the state and local government programs are even more important than before," Monroe emphasizes. "They offer a view of government not found in textbooks."

Rounding out the 4-H government program, is the National 4-H Conference, held each spring in Washington, D. C. Oregon sends our young people chosen on the basis of their overall 4-H records plus personal interviews.

In Washington, the young Oregonians join with others from all states and Puerto Rico for a first hand look at the nation's capitol and how the federal government operates.

"The 4-H government programs offer the soon-to-be voter an opportunity for face-to-face discussions with the people who make our form of government work. Citizenship is a full time job, but you have to know how the system works if you're to be successful at it," Don points out.

The government programs are just one aspect of 4-H citizenship training, which also includes learning how to speak before groups, preside at meetings and plan community projects.

Additional information about the "Know Your Government" programs is available at the Morrow County Extension office in Heppner.

Take Ski Instruction

In anticipation of the Ski opening at Arbuckle, a group of ski enthusiasts went to Spout Springs Sunday to the Instructors' Clinic. This will qualify them as instructors at Arbuckle. Those from Heppner taking the instruction were Curtis Culp, Tom Wolff, Jim Ployhar and from Ione were Cheri Carlson, Phil Carlson, Anne McElligott, Mary Pat McElligott, Charlie McElligott, Mark Rietmann, John Rietmann and Joel Peterson. Don Peterson took a car.

Going up to ski were Tami Prock, Mrs. Curtis Culp, Shelly, Kelly and Kathy Wolff and Stan Addison.

Skiing wasn't too good because of rain.

Mustangs

By BOB FLOYHAR

After a dominating first half, the Heppner Mustangs ran out of gas and fell to the Grant Union Prospectors, 63-55 last Friday at Heppner. Gary Watkins dumped in 10 points in the first quarter to give the Mustangs a 22-14 advantage at the first buzzer.

During the second quarter Heppner continued to run over the taller Prospectors with their fast break. At the end of the half, Heppner led the Prospectors 34-24 and the hometown fans relaxed with visions of a victory. However, the intermission either took something away from the Mustangs or gave something to the Prospectors. As the third quarter progressed, the margin between the teams kept getting smaller until the buzzer when Grant Union held a 45-43 lead.

The Mustangs made a futile attempt to come back in the final period but Grant Union had the momentum and pulled out a 63-55 win.

Steve Rhen led in the scoring department with 21 tallies. Others scoring for Heppner were Watkins 13, Boyer 7, Craig Munkers 6, McCabe 6, and Greg Green 2.

The Mustangs made 21 of 40 free throws for 52.5%.

JV Cardinals Win By One Point

The Ione Cardinals JV team squeaked by Stanfield in a preliminary game Saturday night. Paul Peterson was fouled in the last five seconds of play. He sank the first one and muffed the second one to make the final score 36 to 35.

Playing this first game were Paul Peterson, Joe Peterson, Phil Carlson, Charlie McElligott, John Rietmann, Mark Rietmann, Kevin Gutierrez and Tom Gates. Also out for JV basketball are Freddy Sherman, Rick Peterson, Glenn Griffith, Tom Hamlett. Gordon Meyers is coach.

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Ron Daniels Accepts Only One-year Contract

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Student Code. Questioned previously was the practice of transporting guns in gunholders in cars on the school grounds.

Fees Uniform
The Board adopted fees for all the schools to make them uniform throughout the county. This includes fees at the High Schools, Junior High's and elementary grades. Uniform graduation requirements were also adopted. These are for the interim period until the Oregon Board of Education comes out with the new standards probably in 1973-74.

Transportation
Bus routes and contract runs were reviewed at the Transportation committee meeting on Dec. 1. The only recommended change was on the Franklin Hill route driven by Ray and Maxine Ayers. It was recommended to bid this run as a contract run with the option of rejecting all bids if they were too high. In this event the district would operate a panel to pick up the 7 students from Sand Hollow Jct.

The board also accepted the other recommendations of the Transportation committee which would include in the 1972-73 budget: two 1972-73 replacements: 1 pickup and 1 panel and a 1973-74 replacement a 54 passenger bus. Call for vehicle bids will be published in the 12/30 and 1/6 issues of the Gazette-Times and will be opened at the regular January meeting on the 17th.

POST OFFICE OPENS SATURDAYS
The Post Office windows will be open on Saturdays, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. During the week on Mondays through Fridays, normal hours of window service from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be maintained. Patrons are urged to mail all parcels as soon as possible to avoid possibility of disappointment on Christmas Day.

Graduation requirements: 1. Attend high school 8 semesters. 2. Have an acceptable attendance and citizenship record. 3. Have all fees paid, make-up work completed, etc. 4. Have a minimum of 220 semester hours to include: 30 units in English-Language Arts, 20 units in Social Studies, 20 units in Health and Physical Education, 20 units in Science, 10 units in Mathematics, 10 units in Business Education, 110 units in selected electives.

School Staff Changes
Principal Mick Tolar spoke favorably for A. C. Houghton's teacher aide. She works half-time with the kindergarten and spends the rest of the time in six class rooms. She also alleviates the noon problem of a duty-free noon for teachers. This year her salary has been paid by the Federal government. Mr. Tolar is convinced that a Teachers' Aide is the way to go and hopes to have money included for a Teacher Aide in next year's budget.

Considerable time was spent in trying to out-guess the enrollment for Heppner's First Grade next year to determine the number of teachers that will be needed. There are 3 First Grade teachers and 48 pupils this year. There are 34 children in the Kindergarten and five more who are kindergarten age. The board considered two teachers for the First Grade but decided to leave in three at least for the time. One of the Heppner 2nd grade teachers will retire at the end of

this year. So this may require some shuffling.

The board authorized Mr. Daniels to apply for 75/25 Federal program to replace a large storage refrigerator at Ione. The unit being replaced which is about 28-29 years old. The cost if the application is approved will be \$400 for the school district and \$1200 from the Federal government.

Principal Don Cole reported on the success of the Parent-Teacher conferences at the Heppner Elementary School. This year it was extended through the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. A survey filled out at the close of each conference would indicate that parents were very pleased with them.

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