

Planning Commission

Zone changes proposed

The Morrow County Planning Commission will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the court house in Heppner, according to George D. Smith, planning director.

The meeting was set a day later than scheduled because of the annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers which is scheduled for Nov. 5.

The following matters will be considered:

1. Public hearing on application of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Christiansen, Irrigon, for zone change from "Farm" to "Farm Residential." Because of court decisions against spot zoning, it has been proposed that all of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 25, T5N, R 26 E, outside of the Irrigon city limits, be changed to "Farm Residential." The area is south of Hwy. 730 and adjoins the Irrigon city limits west and south of the city.

2. Public hearing on zone change from "Industrial" to "Farm" and a Conditional Use Permit application on the S 1/2 of sec. 22, T4N, R24E. The Boeing Company proposes to build 10 to 20 housing units, which will be used by either their own farm laborers or their lessees, but not rented to the general public. The construction will be south of the Tower Road interchange on

Hwy. 80, and immediately south of the present buildings, on approximately 20 acres of the half section.

3. Recommend new definition of "public utilities" under Sections 3.020 (7), 3.070 (9), and 3.120 (7) of the Zoning Ordinance. (continued from last meeting.)

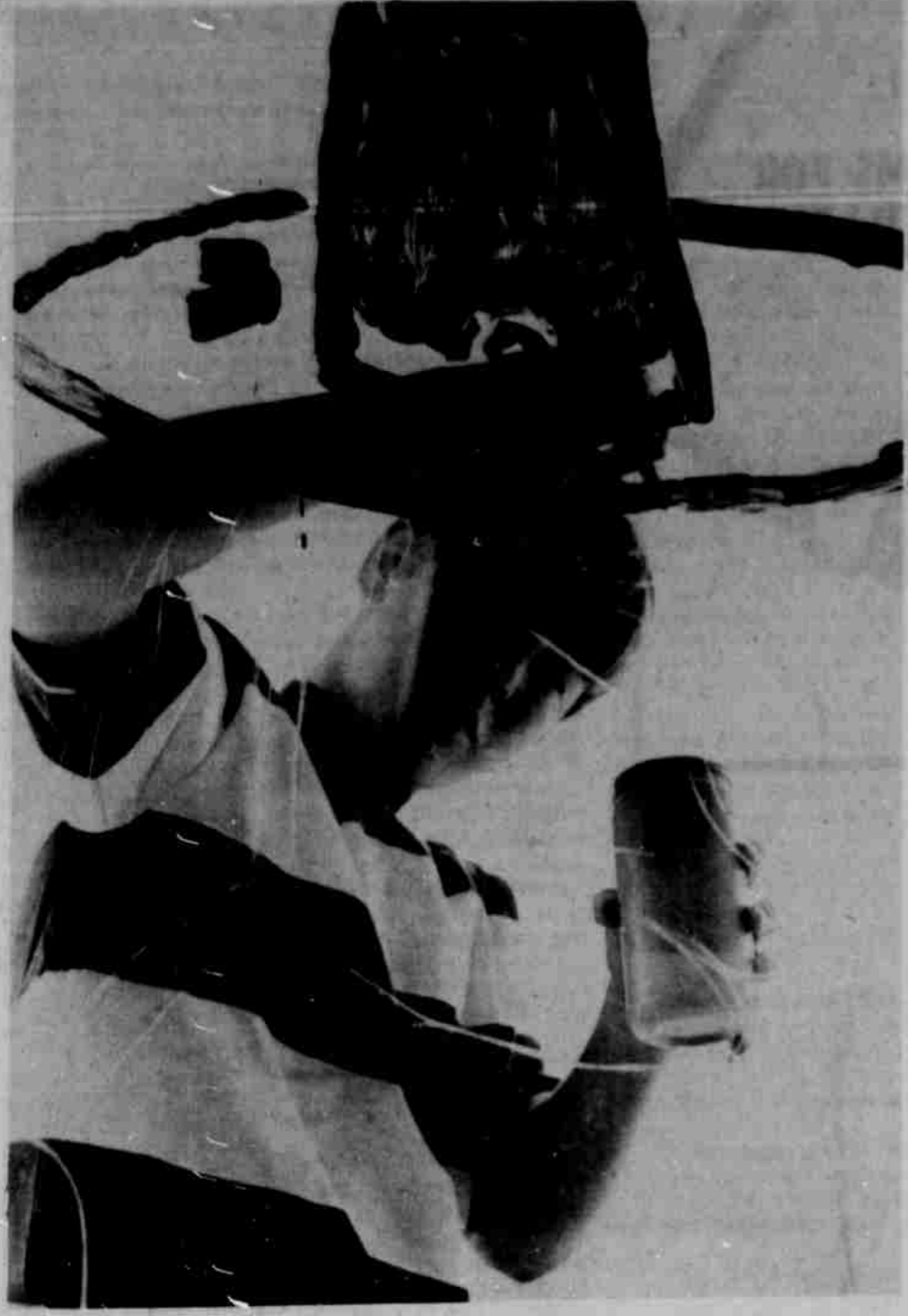
4. Discussion of SB 100 and other new laws; reports on land use meetings to explain these laws, which were sponsored by the Extension Service. (some items: performance bonds, building inspectors, fees, definition of "same profession.")

5. Recommend minimum set-back from street right-of-way in "Industrial" zone. (none is required now.)

6. Should the planning commission require that they be notified of change of ownership or leasing of land on which a conditional use permit has been issued?

7. Decide on a time limit for development, or substantial progress towards development, of land on which a conditional use permit has been issued.

8. Discussion of minimum lot size in "Farm" zone, now five acres. Since there is no land zoned "Exclusive Farm", the 20-acre limit in that zoning designation has not been applied.



Don McEwen, appears to be wearing a witch's hat. Actually, he is engaged in painting a Heppner merchant's window for Halloween. Winner of the Halloween "art contest" receives a small gift.



Diane Holland, Junior High student, displays her talent as she begins on her window painting project for Halloween. The merchants agreed to let the students paint their windows as long as they used water based paints.

County Juvenile Director:

Drug use on increase here

"Drugs are on the increase in Morrow County," according to Carolyn Davis, Morrow County Juvenile Director, who spoke to the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce Monday.

"Morrow County has a very serious 'minor in possession' problem," she pointed out. "And lowering the drinking age would aggravate this problem further."

"So far this year we have had 90 juvenile cases and last year for the entire year we had only 86," she added. Many

of these cases included run-aways, MIPs, and a variety of arrests."

The director suggested that educating the community, parents and children is a good way to prevent more crime.

Morrow County has an added asset in educating the community.

"The Morrow County Juvenile Advisory Committee, made up of students and community members, meet twice a month to discuss problems in the community," said Miss Davis.

This year the Advisory Committee conducted the Drug Awareness Session in October and the Responsible Adulthood Conference, held last week. Both these education programs were held in Heppner and in Boardman. The Drug Awareness session was aimed at introducing drugs to parents. The Responsible Adulthood Conference allowed high school juniors and seniors, with parental permission, to attend discussion sessions on topics concerning adulthood.

The director discussed her job as juvenile director and probation officer and counselor.

"This department is not only a court for hearing cases but is also a counseling center," pointed out Carolyn Davis. "I feel students need a sounding board just to express their feelings. In Morrow County I tackle a lot of family problems."

"In addition the Morrow County Juvenile Department is fortunate in having agencies such as the police, sheriff, schools, attorneys, and community organizations cooperating in these programs," she said.

Concluding her talk, Miss Davis said there is a real need for foster homes in Morrow County. These include emergency, short term and long term homes.

Football banquet Nov. 14

Heppner High School's football team will be honored at a banquet, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., in the high school cafeteria, according to Dean Nafziger, athletic director.

Football awards will be presented.

The banquet is open to the public for a \$2 per person charge. Advanced tickets must be purchased by Friday, Nov. 9, in order for preparations to be made. Tickets will be on sale at Peterson's Jewelers, Bank of Eastern Oregon, First National Bank and the high school.

Lake Penland Corp.

No 'irregularities'

The promised "investigation" of Judge Paul Jones, connection with the Lake Penland Corp. took a different turn Friday with the arrival of William M. Brown, Supervisor of District Planning, Local Government Relations Division, and Jack Jones of the Oregon State Real Estate Commission.

Meeting at the judge's chamber at 9 a.m., Brown set the tone of the gathering: "This is a fact-finding mission, nothing else."

Present were the two officials representing Gov. Tom McCall, Judge Jones, L.E. Dick, president, and Harry O'Donnell, current and past presidents of Lake Penland Corp. Present as observers were County Assessor Joyce Bergstrom and Ernie Ceresa, representing the Gazette-Times.

The informal discussion was triggered by a KGW-TV, Portland, newscast on Oct. 22, prepared by reporters James N. Compton and Jerry Schneider, that attempted to establish that there had been "wrong-doing" in the conduct of the Lake Penland Corp. in creating the recreational area near Heppner known as Lake Penland.

The broadcast prompted Gov. McCall to ask that Judge Jones withdraw as an ap-

pointee of the newly created Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission to which he would have been sworn in as a member last Wednesday in Salem.

Judge Jones refused to withdraw, and demanded that an investigation of his "involvement" with Lake Penland Corporation be completed.

This is a resume of the 2 1/2-hour meeting:

Judge Jones on his involvement with the corporation—"The question has been raised by KGW-TV as to my involvement, I have had no active involvement in Penland Lake Corp., except as that of a contributor to the corporation. I have in my pocket the cancelled checks that I gave to Mr. Cutsforth, and that is the sum total of my involvement."

Subsequent conversations between the Salem officials produced no other involvement in the corporation by Jones.

As to the beginning of the Lake Penland project—Prior to development of Lake Penland, representatives of the State Fish & Game Commission looked at every proposed site in the Blue Mountain area that lay in Morrow County, with the thought that it (the lake) should be owned and operated by the Game Commission and the Forest Service. The Forest Service made the initial plans for Kelly Prairie, a mile or two north of Penland, only to find the ground unsatisfactory for a dam.

Around coffee tables in Heppner, local businessmen decided that money for the project could be raised within the community.

Harry O'Donnell: "We started out paying \$250 directly to Mr. (Orville) Cutsforth with the understanding that he was to do some investigation, preliminary engineering work, and study the

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Air Force veteran going to Thailand

Staff Sergeant John Wallace, son of Mrs. Colleen Padberg, Heppner, is enjoying a leave of absence from the Air Force before returning to active duty in Thailand.

Wallace has spent the past 12 years in the Air Force, enlisting soon after his graduation from Heppner High School in 1961. He has visited over 90 foreign countries and was stationed in Panama and Germany prior to his leave.

Next month Wallace will leave for the Philippines for a week's survival training, then fly to Thailand, where he will assume his duties as flight engineer on one of the Air Force's new gunships.

The crew of a gunship consists of 14 men, all specialists, consisting of two pilots, table navigator, flight engineer who operates a blacked out cockpit standing up behind the pilot, calling the bank angle when the pilot has his head in the gunights, three navigator sensor operators and a fire control officer, all located in an enclosed

room called the "booth." The gunship flew its first mission over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. It picked up six trucks, and in less than 15 minutes all six trucks were left burning.

The gunship is a heavily armed C-130 cargo plane, armed with machine guns, cannons and 105-MM howitzer in the tail section.

According to Wallace, the 14-man team "gets so close that it's almost as though they were married to each other. During the flight, before you can ask a question, it's done. At times they sound like a bunch of clowns all talking on three separate interphone systems, all coordinating their actions."

Sgt. Wallace has over 3,000 hours in the air aboard the gunship. "It's the only place where a pilot, usually a Colonel, can join his team for a beer in either the Officers Club or the Non-Commissioned Officers Club. Rank makes very little difference in the crew of a gunship."

Juveniles arrested, gas theft

Two juveniles, 14 and 17 years of age, were cited by Heppner City Police at 1:30 a.m. Monday morning for stealing gas from a parked car near Chase St.

The youths had in their possession six five-gallon containers which they informed officers they had also stolen.

According to reports, the two youths planned to run away from home and needed the gas for their trip. They planned to fill the tank of their car, then fill all the containers with gas from various parked cars, and drive to Washington.

Waste site accepted

A group of 16 citizens met Tuesday evening at the Morrow County court house to approve the first draft of a final report on the solid waste issue.

The 30-page report, presented by John K. McDonald of Clark & Goff, Engineers, drew requests for changes by both city and county officials present.

The cost of paving the road to the Turner site was discussed, as were methods of transporting waste and the question of who should supervise the disposal project, the city or the county.

The Turner site is located near Heppner. There are proposed sites for Boardman and Irrigon to handle the increased population projected for the next 10 years. Boardman is

expected to grow from 504 to 1,000 or 3,000 in this period. Heppner's population is expected to double.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney said Heppner would like to receive the revenue from operation of the waste site, but the city is faced with a water bond issue and cannot afford the added expense.

Harold Kerr moved that the county develop the site and turn it over to a private franchise operator who would work under supervision of the city governments of Heppner, Lexington and Ione. His motion was approved.

The group also accepted the first draft of the final report, with revisions to be made in the final draft.



Staff Sergeant John Wallace, 12-year Air Force veteran from Heppner, received another medal recently from his Commanding Officer while stationed in Germany.

Parker estate gives \$20,000

The March of Dimes National Foundation is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Trannie B. Parker estate.

The Morrow County chapter, under the chairmanship of Donna Bergstrom, received \$7,500 of the grant, the percentage due the county in which the grant was made. The local board members will meet in the near future to decide allocation of the funds.

Board members include Mrs. Bergstrom; Pat Gentry, County treasurer; Carolyn Cole, Mother's March county chairman; Cindy Green, coin collectors and school cards chairman; and Sheree Mahoney, mailer chairman. Area Mother's March chairmen are

Leice Martin, Heppner; Jan White, Ione; and Mary Lou Dalhoso, Boardman and Irrigon.

This year's Mother's March is slated for the third week in January. Mrs. Mahoney's committee is preparing mailers for this year's campaign.

Mrs. Bergstrom and Carolyn Cole, Heppner, represented Morrow County at a two-day regional northwest convention of the March of Dimes at the Olympic Hotel, Seattle.

Mrs. Parker, a former Lexington resident who died last year in Portland, was the widow of a former Lexington businessman. Mrs. Parker continued her close ties to Lexington and Morrow County even after moving to Portland.