Can small towns come back?

Sure, if they want to!

Are small towns coming back? Some are.

Surveys show many city people would rather live in a small town.

"Whether a small town grows, or begins to wither, often depends upon the determination of local people," says Will Erwin, assistant secretary for rural development of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Towns with a 'we can do it' attitude will go out and bring in job-producing plants, offices, and laboratories, so that their young people don't have to leave their home areas in search of job opportunities," says Erwin. "Others will cater to tourists and a recreation-hungry nation.

"The 'we can do it' crowd will guide the area's growth to make sure it helps to meet the needs of people, adding to the beauty and environmental tone of the neighborhood.

"Economic development makes it possible for towns to do things--to provide convenience in getting goods and services-- to serve as a starting point from which people may improve the quality of their lives.

"Frequent, long drives to big cities may be far from dead. But it makes sense, regardless of the gasoline situation, for towns to develop in such a way as to meet the needs of residents, including farmers."

Can towns be developed to get this done? The answer is "yes," according to Assistant Secretary Erwin, if they are willing to work at it. He cites the story of Livingston, Ala., as it appears in the May 6, 1974, issue of the Congressional Record.

Livingston had been going downhill for 20 years--losing people annually. By the mid 1960s, it was thin and gaunt. Jobs were lacking--living conditions were poor--streets, many unpaved, were pitted with potholes. Potential employers took one look and kept going. Insurance companies threatened to cancel fire policies due to undependable water mains.

A crushing blow came in 1965 when the state condemned the tottering town's water system and ordered it to stop dumping its raw sewage into the Sucarnoochee River.

Now it was sink or swim. The town decided to swim. City fathers joined hands with the Sumter County Rural Development Committee. They quarteredbacked a community movement that led to a master plan. From that plan, work groups set out to give Livingston a new destiny.

One group worked on new jobs. Today five industries, employing about 1,000 persons from miles around, occupy a new industrial park. Livingston reversed its long mass outmigration of native sons--many had been forced to seek employment in distant cities.

Several new businesses have been established. Old houses were renovated and some new ones built--a product of more prosperity. And there was something to do around town.

The area's new water system provides water to neighboring communities. Livingston has better schools, churches and more community life. It has more of what it takes, including pride, to keep farms, businesses, and homes running. Livingston is on the go!

Can other towns bootstrap themselves into better places to live and work? Federal rural development loans and other assistance, according to Erwin, are available. "But those communities that take the initiative to achieve and guide development, as a rule, will benefit most from it," the official concluded.

PGE to buy second nuclear plant

Portland General Electric Company has exercised an option for purchase of a nuclear steam supply system for a second Eastern Oregon nuclear plant.

The contract was awarded to Babcock & Wilcox in an amount in excess of $60 million for a nuclear steam system and associated nuclear fuel.

The system duplicates one PGE company purchased from B & W in 1972. Both plants will be located in north central Oregon either at the Carty reservoir site south of Boardman, or at Pebble Springs not far from Arlington. The first 1260 megawatt unit is expected to be in operation in mid-1981, the second sometime in 1983. Both nuclear plants will be built at the same site.

Engineering and management of the equipment manufactured will be done at B & W's nuclear power generation division headquarters in Lynchburg, Va., and the division's commercial nuclear fuel plant in Lynchburg will fabricate the nuclear fuel cores.

The system's major components, including the reactor vessel, will be manufactured at Mount Vernon, Ind., and Barberton, Ohio. High nickel alloy tubing for use in the system will be manufactured at B & W's tubular products division in Beaver Falls, Penn.

Irrigon

The Landsiedel Team will be at the Irrigon Assembly of God, Sunday, June 2, and will have services each week night, Tuesday through Friday, concluding June 9. Services are at 7 p.m.

The team includes The Rev. and Mrs. Landsiedel, and Sheryl; their son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Lisa. The musical group will be singing each evening. Pastor Robert Schmoll extends a welcome to all.

The family and friends of Dave Graybeal gathered at the basement of the Community Baptist Church for a dinner after his funeral services at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery. Dave Graybeal had lived in Irrigon for 30 years and will be missed by a host of friends.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Christiansen were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dunn of Santa Clara, Ca., and Mrs. George Hobbs, Terry and Sandy, of Reno, Nev.

Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Stephens attended graduation ceremonies in Umatilla Sunday. Their grandson, Alan, was among the graduates. They later joined the family of their son, Clark Stephens, for refreshments at their home.

SAM McMILLAN
... Pioneer talk

230 register for pioneer picnic

Morrow County's 21st Annual Pioneer Picnic was attended by 230 persons at the Fairgrounds Pavilion Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth were chairmen of the Memorial Day event. Sam MacMillan, Milwaukie, was guest speaker.

The noon potluck luncheon ceremony was opened with the presentation of the colors and the playing of "Taps" by the American Legion posts of Heppner and Ione. Color bearers and guards were Clayton Sweek, John Canaday, Grace Steers, commander, of Heppner Post 87, and Jerry Rood, Gene Rietmann, Ione Post 95, played Taps.

MacMillan spoke to the audience on incidents of the past in the Heppner and Lexington areas.

Winners of the door prizes were Mattie Rood, 89, for the oldest resident present; the 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Doherty was presented an award for the youngest resident of a pioneer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Singer, Tokyo, Japan, were presented an award for having come the longest distance to attend the event. Mrs. Singer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake, Ione.

Some of the pioneer residents asked that the annual picnic could be held on Sunday next year rather than on Monday, because many who wish to attend could not do so when the trip home had be be made on Monday. Next year's picnic will be held on Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

Masters of ceremonies for the next year's event were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steers and Mrs. Grace Buschke.

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Former resident claimed

Funeral services were conducted recently for Jared C. Aiken, a former Morrow County resident, in All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, Ca.

Aiken, 71, of Cusron Towers, died April 30 in a Santa Monica hospital. A retired investment broker, he had been a resident of Parklabrea, Ca., for 22 years.

Survivors include his widow, Berniece, and a sister, Mrs. Helen Gragg, Salem, Ore.

He was a member of Heppner Lodge No. 69 AF & AM, Heppner.

Don Shepperd, head crew dispatcher in LaGrande, Oregon.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The budget for Port of Morrow (~~was not~~) for the fiscal year 1974 19 75 Beginning July 1, 19 74 as detailed and summarized in the accompanying schedules was prepared on an accounting basis consistent with that used in prior years. Major changes, if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at No. 1 Marine Dr. Boardman, Ore. A meeting of the Port Commission (Governing Body) will be held June 13, 19 74. At 4:00 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. at No. 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, Ore. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

Garland Swanson
(Chairman of Governing Body)

Morrow (County) _____ (City)

	Total Tax Levy to be Certified to the Assessor on Form LB-50		
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Levy Within 6% Limitation	29,750	29,750	
Levy Outside 6% Limitation	-	-	
Levy Outside 6% Limitation (Serial Levy)	-	-	
Not Subject to Limitation	-	-	
Total Proposed Levy	29,750	29,750	
Total Budget All Funds	158,283	174,084	

TYPE OF INDEBTEDNESS	Outstanding July 1		Authorized, Not Incurred, July 1	
	This Year (Actual)	Next Year (Est.)	This Year (Actual)	Next Year (Est.)
Bonds				
Interest Bearing Warrants				
Short Term Notes	N	O	N	E
Total Indebtedness				

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

	GENERAL FUND OR PROGRAM		
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	14,808.00	16,450.00	18,490.00
Total Materials and Services	12,950.00	20,210.00	20,750.00
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	
Total All Other Requirements	32,500.00	20,238.00	23,660.50
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	60,258.00	56,898.00	62,900.50
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	32,758.00	29,473.00	35,139.75
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	27,500.00		
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance		27,425.00	27,760.75
Estimated Tax Not to be Levied		2,325.00	2,300.00
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied		29,750.00	30,060.75
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation		29,750.00	30,060.75
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation			
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation (Serial Levy)			
Not Subject to Limitation			

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BE LEVIED

	PORT FACILITIES FUND OR PROGRAM		
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)			
Total Materials and Services	12,000	15,000	15,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	83,025	99,186	63,454.40
Total All Other Requirements	3,000	3,000	3,000.00
Total Budget Requirements	98,025	117,186	81,454.40
Total Budget Resources	98,025	117,186	81,454.40