



Sen. Mark Hatfield

Hatfield says water shortage could make energy crisis 'simple'

Speaking mainly on water problems and agriculture ground use, Sen. Mark Hatfield, held an informal, water melon eating meeting at the Wagon Wheel Cafe Friday.

Hatfield cited water problems as the major concern in Eastern Oregon.

Hatfield said a water shortage would make the energy shortage look "simple." He said there are 183 communities in Oregon with water problems, including nearby Hermiston.

Hatfield, the ranking republican on the water subcommittee, also talked about big business in agriculture.

"Once land is taken out of agriculture," he said, "it never goes back. We need to preserve land for agriculture. Hatfield said that in productivity, agriculture business increased 67 per cent while industry increased just 36 per cent.

Speaking on big agriculture farms doing everything, from seed planting to harvesting to carrying grain freight, Hatfield said "It'll kill small communities if one corporation does everything."

Hatfield also talked about regional medical service, saying a regional center in Burns may be an applicable solution to this area's medical needs.

On a tour through Eastern Oregon, Hatfield had this to say about a possible Vice-President nomination: "That's a hard question to answer. I feel like an old bedspread. . . I've been turned down so often. I'm not holding my breath. I'm an independent person and I don't want to be a shadow to someone else. If I could work under those conditions, I would accept it."

Hatfield also had a few words for Washington's budget blunders.

He outlined two steps that should help to balance the country's problems. He said that a budget for a program should start each year at zero. Instead of looking at the year before's budget and coming to some conclusion, a program should

start from zero and decide how much is needed, he said. All programs should last only three to four years, and force congress to review programs, also, he said. "Now you're making sense," a man from the audience applauded.

School board revises policies

Morrow County School District directors met at 9 p.m. at Heppner High School on Monday, Aug. 16. Prior to the regular board meeting the board held a hearing on the proposed supplemental budget which had been proposed for the completion of the district's building program and for land purchase. The budget, in the amount of \$168,680, will utilize unexpected receipts from state basic school support and other sources and from underexpenditures in the current budget.

In regular business, the board considered the first phase of the teachers' job description revision. Language was included in the revised policy which would make clear that teachers assigned to a building had authority over the conduct of all students in the building at all time.

A new attendance policy was approved for Heppner High School to be used as a pilot study for one year. Under the policy, students would be allowed 10 days of approved absence each semester for illness, personal or family problems or medical or business appointments. Any other absence would either be unexcused or would require consultation between parents and the school.

Hal Whitaker, Heppner High School Ag instructor, was granted a leave to attend

Hatfield was treated to a watermelon dessert. Dan Creamor, candidate for Morrow County Judge, presented Hatfield with the melon from the Bob Kinny farm in Irrigon and Hermiston. Kinny has been presenting Hatfield with watermelon for many years.

the National FFA convention in Kansas City on Nov. 6 through 14. At least three students from Heppner will also attend.

The board authorized use of a school bus for parents of Kindergarten children in Boardman. The bus will be used to transport children home after the morning session.

The board approved teaching contracts for Mary Jo Benedict for Heppner Kindergarten; John Jay Dawson, Heppner Vocal Music; Susan Dicker, Special Education at Heppner; Marilyn Post, First grade at Heppner; Margaret Rockwood, English and Social Studies at Riverside; John Sporseen, football coach and counselor at Heppner High; and Gary Turner, Vo-Ag at Riverside.

New classified employees hired were Shirley George and Barbara Morris as aides at Heppner Elementary; Barbara Peterson as an aide at Lone; Wayne Kuhn as bus driver and custodian at Riverside; and Merlin Marvin as bus driver at Lone.

Jim Wishart, Heppner, and Earl Trudeau, Boardman, were appointed to the district's budget committee.

Jim Wishart was also appointed to the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee, and Pat Wright, Lexington, was appointed to the Lone Advisory Committee.

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Boardman is ready for growth, in a controlled, not haphazard way, according to city manager Jim Thompson. Thompson addressed the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon in Heppner.

Thompson calls it "conscious, controlled growth." He said the city is not looking for a "boom cycle or image", but

"realistic, controlled" smoothness for the "unprecedented growth."

The growth in the Boardman, Hermiston, Umatilla area was termed this week by the Economic Development Administration as the "fastest growing region in the United States."

In Boardman, they look to the future. They want developed growth with control, that in ten years or so could swell the population of 730 to a whopping seven or eight thousand in this north Morrow

County town, located on the banks of the Columbia River.

The city has a comprehensive plan, revised and updated three times since 1969. It is based on a five neighborhood plan, with an elementary school in each neighborhood.

Right now, there are three major developments either in process or on the verge of ground turning. The largest, Columbia Pacific Resources-Rolph Fuhrman, a joint enterprise from Richland and Portland based firms, will converge 686 acres of sage-

brush and tumble weeds into commercial and residential developments.

Right now, the joint venture is in planning stages but soil moving should begin this week, according to Chet Yarbrough, project manager.

It will be a multi-year development, Yarbrough says, starting with a first phase of 270 acres.

The property, located between the freeway and Wilson Road, will turn the first phase of 270 acres into 117 acres of commercial, cluster development and remaining acreage into Columbia Terrace, a single and multi-family dwelling development and a mobile home lot, containing 147 pads.

Columbia Terrace will have 120 single family dwellings and six multi-family units. During those three phases, commercial development in the area will take place.

The entire project, when completed possibly ten years from now, will be able to house at least 7000 people and serve them with commercial industry.

Columbia Pacific's 686 acre project is larger than the entire city of Boardman, located in about 100 acres right now. The entire corporate city limits stretch out to about 1000 acres, however.

Boardman is expected to grow about 2-500 people by Christmas, Thompson said, "depending on developers progress."

Along with Columbia Pacific, the city will grow with Hillview Estates, a 67 acre sub-division on the south side of town and west of Faler Road. Also, Hanson Development, a 66 acre project, lies between the high school and Olsen Road. It is owned by a Portland attorney, George Hansen.

Hillview is already ready for houses. Streets, curbs, storm gutters, sewer, etc. are already finished. Hanson is in construction stages and CPR should break ground this week.

Thompson said that with population density about four persons per acre in single family dwellings and 15 an acre in multi-family units, the population is "crystal balled" at between a five and six thousand person addition in the next ten years.

Although Portland General Electric plans to house many people in the area, Boardman is not feeling their input yet.

It is agricultural based operations, according to Thompson, that are bringing the people to town.

Thompson rattled off big agri-business farms that enhance the city's projected patterns. Among these were Oregon Potato Incorporated, Gourmet, Morrow Produce, Saire Farms, Eastern Oregon Farms, Western Empire Farms, Boeing and the big one, Sim-Tag Farms.

"The flex from PGE is just starting to come in," Thompson said.

He also noted that the area, with the coming of PGE, will have two diverse economic groups. The PGE employees will pull a higher wage than the agricultural workers and most will live in Boardman.

And, he said, many people that live in Hermiston and Umatilla now, will move to Boardman when the housing crunch is uncrunched.

"We're not going to allow the city to go crazy and haphazard," Thompson said, welcoming growth in a controlled fashion. "We want control and we won't overextend ourselves."

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Boardman ready for 'unprecedented growth'

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John Simonton, a Pendleton painter, is featured on page 10 of this section. (G-T Photo)

Darl Hagey resigns; McGillivray tabbed

Darl Hagey, three year personnel manager at Kinusa Corp. in Heppner, has entered his resignation there to take a logging post with Alaska Pacific in Montana.

Larry McGillivray was named to replace Hagey as the personnel director. Hagey has been with Kinusa three years, serving as

safety programmer along with the personnel position. He will become a logging safety engineer at the new job in Missoula.

Hagey and his wife Annette and two boys, Shane, nine, and Jason, six, will leave Heppner Aug. 27 for the Big Sky Country. McGillivray is a one year

veteran of the milling operation and was the purchasing agent before this promotion. His new job will put him in charge of all personnel matters, safety programs, OSHA compliance, and other record keeping matters.

McGillivray and his wife Jody have a son, Tom, age seven.

Baby dies in Friday wreck

An eight-month-old baby died last Friday and a Pendleton man could face charges after a one-car accident on Highway 207.

Wesley James Bray, eight months, was dead on arrival at Pioneer Memorial Hospital following the fatal crash at 3:25 p.m. Friday, August 13.

Oregon State Police are continuing an investigation. According to Dennis Doherty, Morrow County district attorney, Daniel Davidian Ralph, Pendleton, could face charges if the investigation "develops cause."

According to police reports, Ralph was driving a vehicle with the infant and it's mother, Karen Sue Bray, Milton-Freewater, heading toward Buttercreek Friday.

"We don't really know what happened," Doherty said of the accident that occurred 13 miles north of Lexington.

The car reportedly left the road, neglecting to make a turn. The car hit a bridge near Bill Doherty's farm. The car struck the bridge abutment on the right side of the car and rolled. It came to rest 64 feet from the place of impact.

Reportedly, Ms. Bray suffered a broken neck. The driver, Ralph, sustained no substantial identifiable injuries, although he too was transferred to Kadlec Hospital in Richland along with Ms. Bray.