

Water, motel, zoning prospects face Irrigon council

At the Irrigon City Council meeting, April 12, J. Val Toronto, city engineer, reported

that the new city well was in the process of being tested and appeared to be successful.

The well test pumped up to 1,400 gallons of water per minute, which should supply the area for some time to come, even with expected growth.

Other business brought before the council included: Ann Prag of Boardman was present at the meeting to present plans for a vector control district that would include Irrigon from the Umatilla-Morrow County line and on past Boardman. Since this area includes the city of Irrigon, Mrs. Prag requested council approval in the form of a resolution. This was granted.

Cheryl Easterling then reported that her dog had been shot by a neighbor. She inquired about the status of an ordinance prohibiting the firing of guns within the city limits. Since there is not an ordinance concerning this, the

council will consider the matter further and adopt one at a later date. State law does not prohibit hunting within the city limits.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Coombes of Haines, Ore., who own property in Irrigon, were present with their attorney, Mr. Tom Ditton, to ask that consideration be given to allow them to place a mobile home on their property and rent it. Permission was denied.

Willie Osterkamp requested that a portion of 2nd St. from the south border of the highway to Idaho St. be vacated so that the land could be sold to an individual who is interested in building a motel. Permission was given, providing the land is used for a motel.

Tom Legier outlined progress on the Swift Addition and requested information regarding water lines, etc.,

which will serve the 25 homes proposed for that addition on West Washington Ave.

D. W. Cannon requested permission to rezone a portion of land south of Irrigon, but within the city limits, from farm Residential to low density Residential. He was referred to the planning commission.

The council decided that since the area surrounding the city limits comprises a buffer zone that will affect the city by requiring city services, it would be desirable to bring about orderly growth in this area. A request will be made to the Morrow County Planning Commission to enact procedures necessary to require that development within this buffer zone be in 5 acre parcels rather than the current 1 acre parcels.

A request from George Grigsby was granted to narrow 7th St. between South Main and Idaho streets. The platted 70-foot street includes two existing structures. Permission was granted to reduce

the street to 50 feet in width. Barbara Byrd, city recorder for the past three years,

announced her intention to resign from the position in June. She was directed to

advertise the position in the newspaper to locate a replacement.

Extension Service news

By Birdine Tullis, Morrow Extension Service Spring Events of Interest

The mention of herbs and spices brings a glint of interest to most women, especially those who garden and want to know more about growing and preserving herbs. The upcoming training session for study group leaders should be of interest, as both growing of herbs, and preparation of tasty dishes using herbs and spices will be combined to offer something of interest to all.

Two training sessions are planned, with the first to be given in Hermiston, April 20, 10-12, at the Civic Recreation Center, 215 W. Orchard, and the second in Pendleton, April 25, 10-12, Christian Church. The subject will be the topic for study group meetings in both Morrow and Umatilla Counties in May.

Herb culture and preservation will be presented by Birdine Tullis, with the cookery, storage, and identification by Molly Saul. The two promise lots of good sampling, as well as an opportunity to pinch, smell, and enjoy fresh growing herbs!

Anyone interested is invited to attend the trainings. Extension study group membership is not a requirement.

Morrow Women's Day...May 3

Lots of exciting plans are underway by the Extension Advisory Committee for the spring day saluting all women of the area. The big event will be at the Elks' Club, Heppner, and will include special guest speakers, slides of Europe, fun things, a salad luncheon, and show of local arts.

"There's bound to be something of interest to every woman, and men, too," reports Birdine Tullis. "We'll be getting out more information soon...but right now, mark that date as a special to attend!"

All Extension study group women will be involved in the event...and when that many women work on something, it has to be a winner, she said.

Irrigon 4-H'ers Plan Plant Sale

The spring plant sale by all 4-H clubs in Irrigon has become an annual event, with proceeds going to worthy causes! This year the plant sale, which offers a wide variety of growing things, including trees, will be held at the City Service Station, Irrigon, on April 23, 24. Marge Shade and Rose Wilson, leaders for the sale, are busy gathering their bounty from local yards and nurseries.

The sale will be right on the main highway, so be sure to look for it if you are driving through!

4-H Events to Remember

The sunshine reminds us that summer is not far away, and family vacations and plans will be made soon. Summer 4-H camp, a highlight for members fourth through seventh grades, will be at Cutsforth Park, June 27-30. All members in this age group should mark those dates on their calendars.

June offers other opportunities for 4-H'ers, with Summer Week on campus of Oregon State University June 12-18 for junior high, and senior high school members.

Two shows that attract local livestock exhibitors are the Wheat League Show in The Dalles, June 5-8, and the Union Show, June 8-11. Both are open to all 4-H livestock members. The Dalles' show includes meat judging contests which are open to all 4-H girls and boys.

For more information concerning any of the events, call 676-9642, Extension Office.

Microwave Workshop...Filled

The Extension-OMZI microwave classes filled to capacity almost instantly, and many names are on a standby list. Those who got in under the line will receive information soon. Currently, Extension is attempting to arrange more OMZI instructions for those who were not able to attend the May sessions.

4-H'ers Get Ready to Travel

Debbie Paustian and Tim Jones, two lucky Morrow County 4-H members, will be attending an orientation program this month in Portland, in preparation for their summer trip to Japan. Tentative plans call for Oregon 4-H exchangees to leave July 20, and return late August. The two Morrow County youths are among the 15 chosen for the summer travel event. Shelley Osborne, OSU student who spent time in Morrow County last summer, will travel with the group as one of the chaperones.

Two local families have answered the appeal for more host families for IFYE's coming to Oregon this summer. We'll look forward to the possibility of international visitors here, too!

Concrete company coming to Port?

It looks like the Port of Morrow may be housing a new industry in the next few months, providing the land leasing agreement being offered is accepted by the concrete products company making the inquiry.

The port has offered the company a five year lease with an option to buy at the end of that period. The eight to 10 acre site under consideration is located north of Ready Mix Sand and Gravel.

"It was a real surprise."

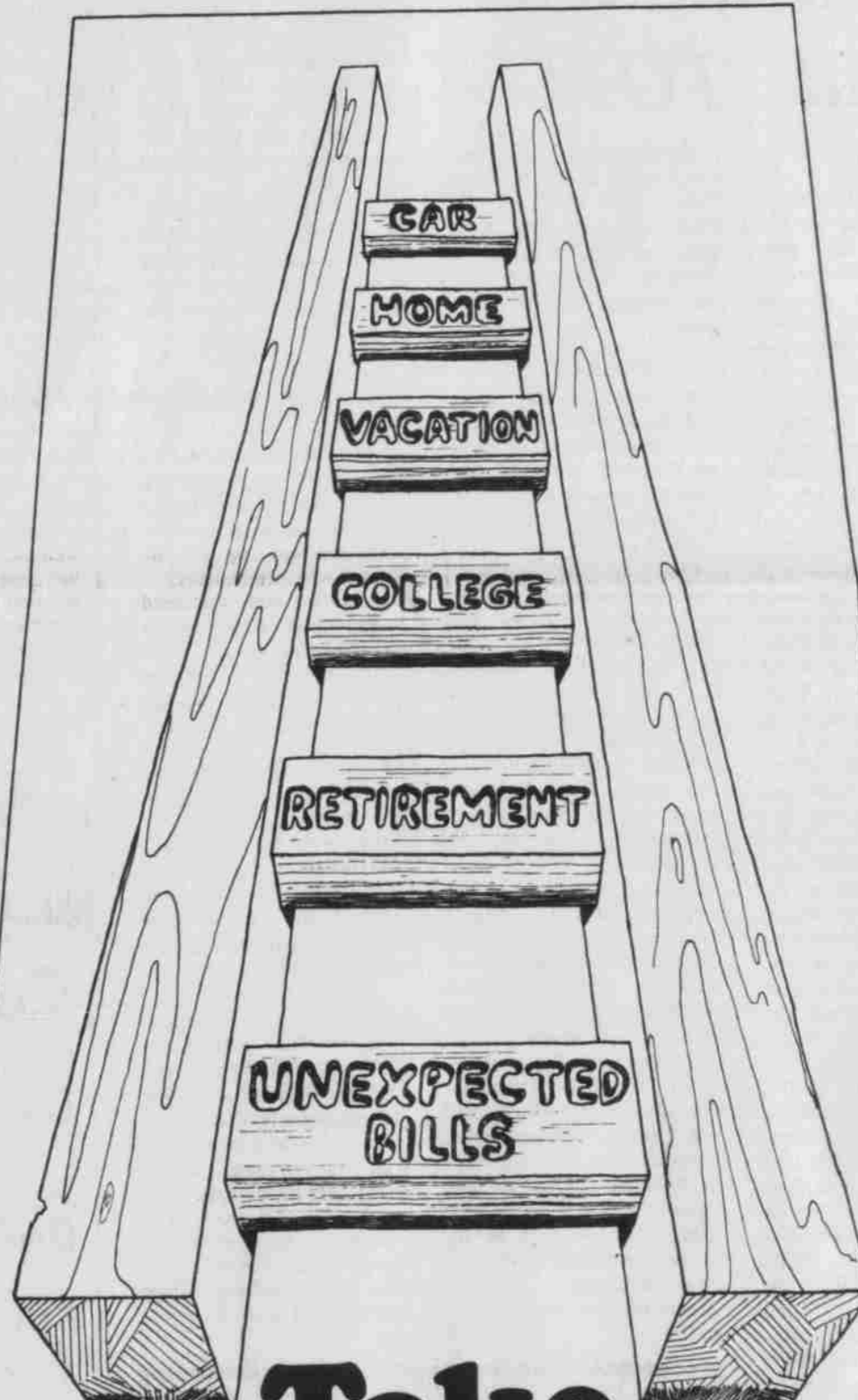
Port of Morrow Manager Rupert Kennedy said, concerning the company's approach to the port. The initial contact was made two months ago.

The proposed 80 by 110 foot factory will be producing various types of concrete products. One is described as insulated panels for the construction of potato storage sheds.

Name of the company will be released once the negotiations with the port commission have been completed.

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