

Planning hearing....

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blem," Steele commented, "We'd obviously have to change our maps."

After the meeting, Steele said, "I'm not a dam man... but for a community like Heppner, I think it's the only logical way to go."

Barrett said he hadn't reviewed information on the Willow Creek Dam proposal before the hearing, adding "I thought it was a dead issue." Most of the hearing was devoted to discussion of Heppner's flood plain and related topics, with attention eventually directed by Heppner Planning Commission member Irene Anhorn to consideration of the actual comprehensive draft plan.

ECOAC Planner Marie Hall said the question to consider is how much land is needed for future growth, with only slow growth projected for Heppner. She pointed out that land to the north and west of town was chosen to be included in a proposed expansion boundary because it was out of the flood plain, fairly level and had road access. Hall said an expansion boundary could easily be changed to an urban growth boundary, which encloses land that can be annexed, either before or after the final comprehensive plan

for the city was adopted.

Fred Hoskins of Heppner, landowner in the proposed expansion boundary, asked if he could be forced by the city or neighbors to be annexed against his will. The answer was no.

Ed Gonty of Heppner asked why land to the east of Heppner was not considered for the expansion or urban growth boundary. Hall replied there might be difficulty with road access and sewer service in that area.

She said the 12 per cent steep slope area designated on the map did not mean that there could be no construction in the area, but only that special engineering attention had to be given to such building projects.

"The most important constraints limiting growth, more than the comprehensive plan, are sewer and water service," Hall said.

No decisions were made at the public hearing, held for informational and public comment purposes.

Hall said a meeting would be scheduled sometime in February with the planning commission and city council to formally approve the draft plan, including whatever changes were desired.

Mental Health Services opens Boardman office

Morrow County Mental Health Services has stepped up its activities in the Boardman area with a recent move to new facilities in the Boardman Medical Clinic.

The move will enable Mental Health Services staff to provide north Morrow County residents with the same full service care available at the Heppner office on W. Willow Street. While physicians continue to hammer out their differences before occupying the rest of the clinic, the Mental Health portion will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

The clinic is located at 203 Kinkade Ave., SW.

Mental Health Services has been operating in Boardman on a limited basis since September, 1976, in a small Nelson Square office. Hours were extended in July of last year but lack of space still restricted the services provided.

New facilities include a reception room and a consultation room large enough to accommodate entire families. Other services such as bio-feedback training will also be offered.

The office will be staffed by a secretary, Katie Schroder, for the four-day week, with an answering service set up on Mondays. Dr. Janice Green, director of Mental Health Services in the county, will be on hand Tuesday, Thursday and part of Friday. Psychologist George Rex will be available on Wednesdays.

Staff members are on call 24 hours a day and can be reached after office hours by calling the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 676-9910. The Boardman clinic phone number is 481-2911.

Committee recommends parking meter removal

Parking meters are out and tire chalking is in. That's the recommendation the city streets and parks committee will present to the Heppner City Council Tuesday after discussing the parking situation in a meeting Monday in City Hall.

"Do we or do we not want to replace the meters?", was the question posed by Larry Mills, who chairs the committee which includes himself, Warren Plocharsky and Hubert Wilson. Plocharsky was absent from the session but councilmen Jim Rogers, Bob Jones and Cliff Green sat in, and the sentiment was unanimous—the meters should go.

Because the strained city budget could provide no mon-

ey for maintenance, the condition of the city's 100 meters has deteriorated steadily. So many of the meters are in need of repair that for the past four months, they have not been checked for violations.

Police Chief Dean Gilman demonstrated how one of the meters taken off Main Street was so worn out that it allowed a full two hours parking for a penny, instead of the intended 12 minutes. Last year the city collected \$2,378 from the meters but had to shell out \$1,056 in maintenance and labor. Gilman estimated it would take \$8,000 to replace the meters.

Randall Peterson, representing the downtown mer-

chants, also attended the meeting and agreed with the opinion of the councilmen.

"I feel that this (the removal) is what's coming and I don't think there will be any opposition from the merchant's committee," Peterson said. "But our biggest problem is the merchants and their employees who use the parking spaces on Main Street."

Gilman replied that the removal would be for the benefit of the merchants and added, "I don't see why they can't enforce the parking of their own employees." He said there were 108 available off-street parking spaces in the downtown area.

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Bank of Eastern Oregon reports 'excellent growth'

Stockholders of the Bank of Eastern Oregon heard at their 33rd Annual Meeting Jan. 18, that excellent growth in all departments of the bank occurred in 1977.

Gene Pierce, president and cashier, gave the director's annual report of the bank's growth and earnings.

Pierce reported that 1977 earnings were a little below 1976 but that the board of directors were pleased with the \$42.76 per share earnings for the year. A \$5 per share dividend was declared on Nov. 9, 1977, to be paid to

stockholders of record on that date.

Bank of Eastern Oregon were up \$1.4 million and total assets increased by over \$1.5 million.

Stockholders unanimously reelected the present board of directors for the ensuing year. Board members are D.L. Lemon, Kenneth Walters and Dave Childs of Arlington; Art Allen of Boardman; Bill Jaeger of Condon; Roy W. Lindstrom of Lone; Howard Bryant, Gene Pierce and L.E. Dick of Heppner. Dick was elected to the board after

having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of R.B. Ferguson who resigned during 1977.

Howard Bryant was reelected chairman of the board and Dave Childs, vice chairman. Other officers of the bank are James F. Green, vice president and manager of the Arlington office and Shirley Anderson, assistant cashier at that office. June Crowell is manager of the Lone office. In Heppner, in addition to Pierce, the officers include Jim Wishart, vice president and Pat Gentry, assistant cashier.

High school seniors completing financial aid forms this week

Morrow County seniors are now in the process of completing the financial aid form of the College Scholarship Service of the College Entrance Examination Board. This document is used to collect information for determining a student's need for financial aid in post-high school educational programs.

The information reported on

the aid form is confidential. It is sent by the College Scholarship Service to the programs and institutions the student designates such as the federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant program, state scholarship and grant programs and the financial aid programs of schools and colleges.

The Financial Aid Form

should be completed, checked by school counselors and

deadlines of the various institutions and programs. Generally the forms should be sent by February 1.

Question concerning scholarships and financial aid should be directed to the counselors at the county's three high schools.

Fair Board names Rodeo Committee

The Morrow County Fair Board this week announced appointments to the new Rodeo Committee which will stage a jackpot rodeo for the first time this year and be responsible for rodeo related events.

Lee Ansotegui of Heppner was named chairman of the committee with Dennis Doherty acting as secretary.

Others appointed to the Rodeo Committee include: Dance Director, Bruce Bergstrom; Court, Rocky Proctor; Livestock, Ed Martin; Race, John Keane; Grounds, Max Hellberg; Promotion and Prizes, Marsha Mathewson; and Tickets, Parking and Concessions, Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

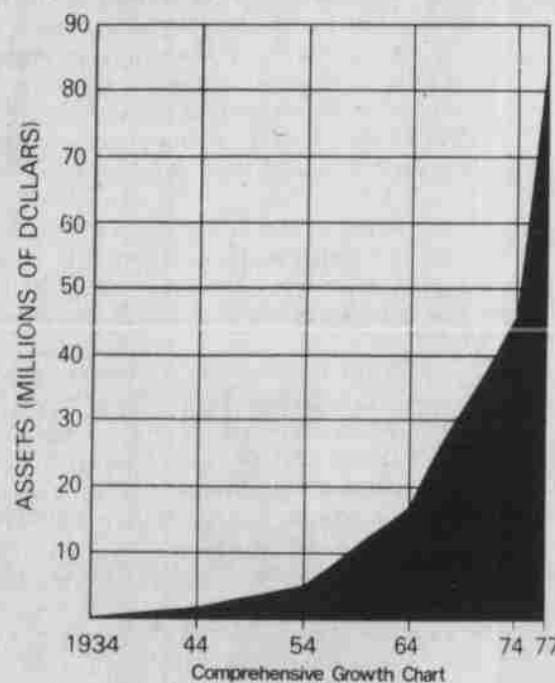
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