

## Harold Kerr named to Dow Study Tour in South

Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension Agent, has been named as a member of the 1979 Dow Study Tour sponsored by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and Dow Chemical, U.S.A.

As a member of the Dow Tour, he will participate in a 13 day study of agricultural areas in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The study program starts June 17 at Dallas, Texas.

Kerr serves as Chairman of the Morrow County Extension staff with program responsibilities for crop production and community development. The county has 400,000 acres of wheat and barley and has developed some 80,000 acres of irrigated land in the past 10 years. Educational programs focus on wheat production with seminars on the use of futures as a marketing tool, farm management, and new production skills. He has been credited with developing an additional program that resulted in adoption of a comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance for the county.

As a Dow Tour participant, Kerr will join 26 other

Extension Agent members of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents from the Western and Southern regions in an on-site study of agriculture production and research. The group will also observe agribusiness, marketing, and merchandising activities that contribute to the economic well-being of agriculture.

The Dow Tour program

recognizes the county agent as a vital link in the flow of reliable information from university and industry research to the farmer food producer, from farmer to farmer, and from the farmer to industry. Dow has joined with NACAA to provide an opportunity for Kerr to study new and innovative ideas he can use in his own Extension education programs.

## No fireworks! Damaged ballfield preempts July 4 display

The Ione American Legion Post will be unable to shoot off fireworks this year on July 3 because the football field is being reseeded.

Post Commander Jerry McElligott said the field was damaged by flooding last winter and must be reseeded, forcing cancellation of the traditional fireworks show. The organization plans to continue the fireworks next

year, barring unforeseen difficulties.

The field, explained McElligott, is the only site which has received approval from the State Fire Marshall because of the potential fire danger. Normally, the Ione Volunteer Fire Department is on standby to corral any blaze which might occur.

Fireworks are expected to be held at Condon on July 4.

## County Court seeks street vacation for hospital expansion

The County Hospital Board has asked the Morrow County

Court to seek vacation of Thompson Avenue in Heppner to allow construction of a new

ambulance port at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Court officials were expected to consider action on the

matter Wednesday and recommend vacation of the street

to the Heppner City Council. Ed Dick, a board spokesman, said the city planning

commission made the vacation recommendation after denying a variance request on June 11.

Planning Commission members felt the future hospital expansion required adequate safety measures for pedestrians walking in the area.

Dick said the board has been working this week with Court officials and the District Attorney.

## Absentee ballots available June 26 polling places listed

Registered voters planning to be out of the county on vacation on the special election day June 26 may request absentee ballots at the Morrow County Clerk's Office.

County Clerk Sadie Parrish said voters may apply for the ballots at the clerk's office and submit their vote.

There has been only one change in voting places from the May 22 election; that was in the Boardman area where voters will go to the Greenfield Grange rather than the county clinic.

At No. 3, Ione, voters there will cast ballots at the Ione City Hall, at No. 4, Irrigon

residents will vote at the Morrow County Office Bldg Continued on page 6

### Attention!

Will whoever borrowed my gear pullers in Dec. or Jan. please return them.

Thank You, Vern Nolan



Kathy & Steve Peck

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## Port negotiates sewer

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quest for a pipeline across port land, disputed the city's requested sewer charges to the port's facilities, and decided to negotiate a five year land lease with Miracle Potato at \$24 an acre, with the port's right to review the lease every two years. The lease was estimated at \$37,000. In

the course of the voting, Mrs. Kyd abstained and commission member, Larry Lindsay, voted against the motion.

The commission authorized Toadvin to join with the Vector Control District and purchase five mobile radios and base station for \$500 from the city of Umatilla which is

switching from low to high band communication, approved \$550 fees for the Port's membership to the Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn. and approved a resolution calling for the U.S. Navy to give up the bombing range for private irrigation land.

## Teacher contracts approved

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If the gas crunch gets any worse and Supt. Doherty is convinced that the district will have 20 percent less gas next year, the board may receive a recommendation from the superintendent to curtail some events.

At present, the district pays 62 cents a gallon for gasoline to fuel its school bus program. But buses average only 6 miles a gallon.

The board called for bids for two district buses, a 30 and a 66 passenger bus. Doherty said bids were necessary because of the anticipated delivery time. Funds for the new vehicles are already budgeted.

It held off on bids for a new district car for Doherty in order for members to check some specifications and fuel consumption. Bids have been received from Wright Chevrolet Company, Farley Motor Company and Sherrell Chevrolet.

Bids were also called for on fuel oil, gasoline, diesel, tires and anti-freeze. This is the first time, Doherty said, that he has asked for tire bids. It was specified that the specifications include mounting.

Contracts were approved for certificated teachers and principals. Vic Marchek will be the new principal of Columbia Junior High at Irrigon and is a graduate of Brigham Young University and Susan Black, a graduate of Portland State University, principal of the new Sam Boardman Elementary School. Also hired were Jennifer Byron, Geneva Coker and Karen Gronquist, A.C. Houghton, Boardman; Ron Carson, Ione Intermediate, Lewis and Clark graduate, Dennis Kachelmier, science, Heppner Jr. High, Benjamin Heape, industrial arts teacher, Riverside High School and Cynthia Kennedy, spanish and science, Riverside H.S.

Dale Holland has been named as the new head basketball coach at Heppner High School.

With 17 teachers left to hire, the district has received resignations from five more teachers, Gordon Munck, Heppner H.S., Sandra McClendon, first grade teacher at Riverside, Patricia Campbell, also

from Riverside, Michael Carpenter and Dennis Toney, Heppner High School. All expressed appreciation to the district for their time in the area school system.

The district is attempting to find out the reasons why teachers are leaving the district and have not yet pinpointed any one cause, Doherty said.

The city of Boardman has asked the district to install an 8" water line for fire protection at Sam Boardman Elementary, greater than the original specifications called for and board members urged Supt. to continue negotiations.

In other business, the board certified the district tax levy to the County Assessor's office.

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