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Stable Economy

Morrow County has a distinction of sorts in the Oregon Business Barometer, a publication of the U.S. Bancorporation in Portland. Whatever it means, Morrow is the only one among the state's 36 counties to have a current zero population growth.

The statistics are noted on an outline map of the state. Oregon's overall growth is pegged at 2 percent. The gains vary, county by county, and Gilliam County is noted as having a population loss of 4.8 percent. The map shows a zero for Morrow, with neither loss nor gain. (The source of the data is not provided.)

Whatever the local significance, Morrow County does seem stable economically. Certainly in the north end there has been business growth with construction work related to the Boardman coal-fired generating plant and the greater use of irrigation in farming. The County Planner's office confirms that the county's gains in numbers of people have been in the north end.

The current population is listed at 6,400, based on a 1978 study by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission. The 1977 population was 5,550, so there was a definite gain in that period.

The Portland bank publication forecasts a good year for agriculture, with a strong export demand for domestic livestock and crop products keeping farm prices an average of 12 percent above 1978 levels. While farm production costs keep rising, Oregon's net farm income is expected to be higher than last year's. This is sure to be reflected in Morrow County.

The Heppner area has certainly been stable without a great amount of construction nor population influx. The city has no outlying shopping malls, instead a well-established Main Street and well-stocked retail establishments.

New people may not be coming in, at least not in great numbers, but the area is holding its own.

Main Street Christmas

Once again Christmas has come to Main Street in Heppner, with a beautiful, tall white fir placed in a permanent hole in the pavement in front of Case Furniture and the hotel. Attractive lighted decorations adorn the lamp posts, and Santa Claus himself arrived last Friday in a Model T flivver and handed out bags of candy and toy balloons to the children.

He was a jolly Santa Claus, eminently suited to the role he performed for the youngsters who came with their parents to see him. If Santa Claus is a myth, he certainly seemed to be real to many believing eyes.

"Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies!"—so declared an editorial in the New York Sun more than 80 years ago in reply to an inquiry from Virginia O'Hanlon asking, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

So those not affected by "the skepticism of a skeptical age," and all of us, for that matter, may take particular joy in the season as exemplified here by the street decorations and the many attractive window displays arranged by Heppner's retail business community.

As usual, it has taken many hands to accomplish the details. Mayor Jerry Sweeney said the city has provided the hole which supports the tree. The hole is about eight inches or so in diameter, and covered with a steel cap throughout most of the year. There is no need to drill a new one. Kinzua Corporation helped provide the tree through one of its logging contractors, John Britt. The tree was felled in the Opal Butte area, 30 to 35 miles from Heppner, according to Richard Graham, a timber cruiser for Kinzua. The

Sifting through the TIMES

1929

The ninth annual convention of the Rebekah Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall in Ione. Sister Mary Swanson was the presiding officer. The Heppner Lodge had the most members present with 136, followed by Ione with 119, Lexington 59, Hardman 48 and Morgan nine.

Wm. R. Poulson, high school principal, took over temporarily as the school superintendent in place of Superintendent Burgess, who resigned. A number of educators were visiting Heppner to apply for the position but the school board chose to delay making a decision because Paulson was doing a good job and they wanted to pick the best man. The annual Lodge of Sorrow of the Benevolent Order of Elks was commemorated by

the Heppner Lodge at the local lodge. More than \$2 million in additional revenue was expected to be collected by the State of Oregon in 1930 as a result of the one cent per gallon increase in the state tax on gasoline and distillate sales. The total was expected to be \$7,052,054. The tax on gas was going to be raised to four cents a gallon.

The Heppner to Spray road was still in the news as the Lions were trying to get the city of Bend interested in helping with the road. The Heppner men said if the road is improved to Spray then it would increase travel to Bend.

1954

Twenty-five years ago workers were putting up six 85-foot poles to put the rodeo field lights on. The Chamber of

Commerce raised the money for the lights by selling bonds and the light fixtures and wiring was planned to be added as soon as the poles were erected.

A big truck on the Pendleton-Heppner truck line left the road between Lexington and Butter Creek causing considerable damage to the freight, which was scattered over a wide area.

Bob Smith, a Boardman service station attendant, was slugged and then robbed after two men tied him up. They robbed about \$76 from his till.

The Lions Club was sponsoring a Christmas Home Decorating Contest with three valuable prizes to be given out to winners. Originality, beauty and harmony with the Christmas theme were the basis for picking the winners.

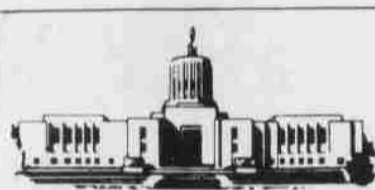
1971

Five years ago the Heppner Neighborhood Center was asking for help because the rising food costs were making it almost impossible to make the senior citizen's meals. The state paid the center 60 cents a meal but the meals were costing about \$1 to make, so the center was asking for food donations.

The City Council met to decide on the parking in Heppner on whether it would be safe to have parallel parking.

Dorothy Krebs of Ione gave a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce about the sheep raising practices on the large Krebs Bros. ranch.

The town was getting ready for a visit from Santa Claus who was going to give out candy at the city hall.



Legislative Report from the State Capital EXCLUSIVE to Oregon's Weekly Newspapers from Associated Oregon Industries.

Salem Scene Land planning involves industry

By Jack Zimmerman
Economics has been defined as the management of scarce resources.

That definition is particularly appropriate when discussing land-use planning in Oregon. Management of land within its borders likely will be a key to this state's economic future.

Under these circumstances, it is obvious business and industry have significant interests in the process currently evolving statewide.

Generally regarded as the most comprehensive in the nation, Oregon's land-use planning process is being closely monitored by all segments of the private sector. And this watchdog function becomes more significant each day as local governments struggle to meet a July 1, 1980 deadline for submission of individual plans designed to complete in jigsaw-puzzle fashion statewide regulations for future land development and use.

Stretching back into the Sixties, Oregon's efforts to regulate use of its lands got off the ground with passage by the legislature of Senate Bill 10 in 1969. That law called for local governments to prepare comprehensive plans for development within their boundaries. But the statute provided neither penalties nor incentives for compliance.

Relative ineffectiveness of SB 10 led in 1973 to passage of SB 100, the current State Land Use Planning Act. SB 100 created the Land Conservation & Development Commission

and the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Initial task of the commission and its agency was to establish goals for land use planning—a framework with the force of law on which all local governments would construct their comprehensive plans. After 86 public meetings throughout the state, the first 14 goals were adopted in January 1975. The Willamette Greenway goal and four coastal goals were in place the following year.

It then became the obligation of the state's 36 counties and 241 cities to draft land-use plans that complied with specifics of the statewide goals. Each subsequent session of the Legislature in Salem has provided funds for both the work of LCDC, its department and assistance to local governments for completion of their planning processes.

Next July's deadline evolved as a policy position as funding and assistance were made available to local governments.

Associated Oregon Industries and other organizations participated with the legislature during formulation of both SB 10 and SB 100. That same participation continued throughout the goal adoption process and these business organizations early recognized the necessity to monitor not only the local planning processes but the adoption of those plans at the state level as well.

Four industry associations

joined together late in 1978 to organize the Oregon Business Planning Council. In addition to AOI and its forestry arm, the Oregon Forest Industries Council, those associations are the Oregon Columbia Chapter, Associated General Contractors, Oregon Association of REALTORS and Oregon State Home Builders Association.

Ech shared interests that could be significantly influenced by local comprehensive plans developed by cities and counties. In most cases those interests were at least compatible, if not identical. OBPC was conceived expressly to participate on a professional level in the LCDC's plan review and acknowledgment process.

OBPC consists of two professional planners and a forestry specialist who review all comprehensive plans as those plans are submitted to LCDC. It is OBPC's responsibility to make certain those plans comply with specific terms of the statewide goals. It prepares comments and testifies before LCDC in order to make certain all plans adequately reflect the concerns of business and industry.

To date, OBPC staff has reviewed 75 city plans and all or portions of plans for 25 counties. Its efforts are well received by LCDC and its staff and in a large majority of cases, LCDC has concurred with OBPC's recommendations.

In order to remain a credible force in the plan

review process, OBPC has familiarized itself with each local jurisdiction's unique circumstances. And this diligence has paid off by identifying major problems during its review procedure.

So far the bulk of these have involved lack of forest land inventories, encroachment of rural residential uses on highly productive forest lands, inadequate attention to mineral and aggregate resources and treatment of industrial lands.

These issues and others have been raised and challenged successfully by OBPC.

As of October this year, LCDC has acknowledged plans for only 46 cities and 4 counties. A total of 227 plans must be submitted for acknowledgment by the LCDC deadline next July.

According to OBPC, it appears the plan review process will extend through December of 1980. It bases this projection on the fact LCDC so far has rejected 70 percent of all plans submitted and it appears safe to assume that up to 50 plans won't be submitted before the July deadline. LCDC staff so far has been processing only 12 to 15 plans a month and at that rate will take at least 18 months to review the remaining 227 plans.

Meanwhile, the work of OBPC and LCDC stand as another example of the partnership efforts by Oregon's public and private sectors to make certain the state's land base serves all interests involved in producing a healthy economic future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About those trucks

Editor:

I was really surprised when I saw the truck pictures on the front page (Gazette-Times, Nov. 15). They were the Dempsey trucks. They hauled all the rock to build most of the roads in Morrow County. They had camps in about every section of the county. When Lynn and I were married we were on Heppner Hill. There are many people left up there who remember the trucks and some even rode in them. After

we were through, we took a contract from The Dalles to Biggs on the new highway in 1931. We had five Mack trucks and two Chevrolet trucks on that job. Our camp was by the Deschutes where the new bridge is now. That was our last job as Mr. Dempsey passed away and Lynn went to other work.

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tree was delivered atop a loaded, snow-covered logging truck. Crews from Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., erected the tree as they did the street decorations. This is community cooperation at its best, of which Heppner may be proud.

With December approaching, let the spirit of Christmas reign!

Editor's Notebook

Oregon Democrats will celebrate in Portland Friday 25 years of being the majority political party in the state. The occasion will be the Wayne Morse Banquet—and President Jimmy Carter had planned to fly out from Washington, D.C., to be the speaker.

Now, of course, the President is sticking close to the White House, or Camp David, as the Iranian crisis mounts.

Who will speak at the Wayne Morse banquet, then?

A call to Beth Glascock, executive secretary of the Oregon Democratic Party in Salem, reveals that First lady Rosalyn Carter may be the speaker or perhaps Vice President Walter Mondale.

"Nobody's talking about an alternative," Glascock said. "Yes, we're in touch constantly with the White House. We have an impression that Rosalyn or Mondale might

come."

All of these telephone calls were on Tuesday, as the Heppner Gazette-Times prepared to go to press.

State senator to announce plans

State Sen. John Powell, D-Halsey, said he will announce his 1980 political plans at a series of news conferences on Dec. 3. Powell has been considering the races for state treasurer, secretary of state and the U.S. Senate.

Powell, 31, was first elected to the Oregon State Senate in 1974. He was 26; the youngest member ever elected to the State Senate. Powell was re-elected to a four-year term in 1978.

In 1978 Powell was named "One of five outstanding young men of Oregon" by the Oregon Jaycees

Winter survival seminar to be held Dec. 11

A seminar on winter survival will be held Dec. 11 at the Western Forestry Center in Portland. Co-sponsored by the Center and the Boy Scouts of America, instruction will be given by Jack Samper, a member of the Mazamas and mountaineering advisor for the Explorer Scouts.

and recreation during the winter months will be provided, including choosing proper clothing and equipment, building snow caves and other shelters, avoiding hypothermia, and other life-saving skills.

The seminar in Forest Hall will be from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. There will be an admission charge.

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