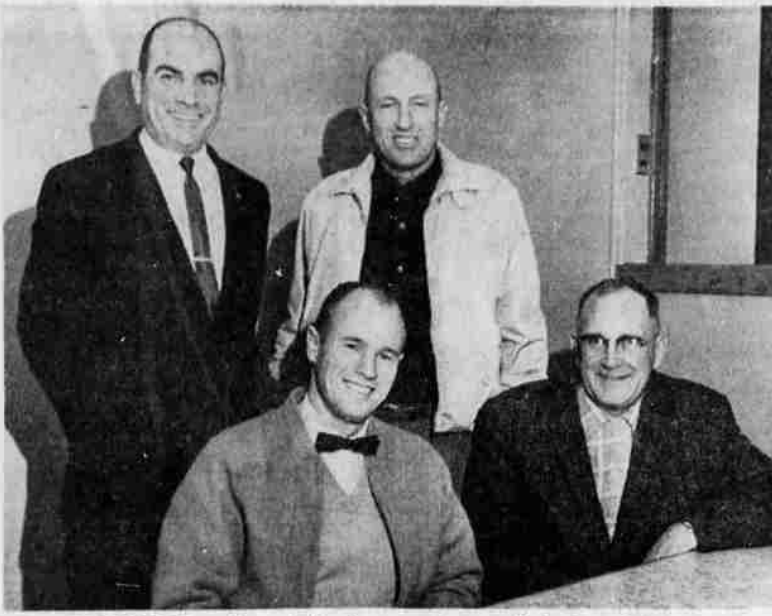




MUSEUM BOARD — Five of the six-member Klamath County Museum Board are, left to right, Warren Benner (chairman), Hal Ogle (vice chairman), Mrs. Lorraine Quillen (secretary), Scott Warren and James O'Donohue. The member missing from the picture is State Rep. Carol Howe. The officers were reelected to serve another year in office during an election at a board meeting Jan. 17.



PARK COMMISSION — Four of the five-man County Park Commission concerned with the construction and improvement of county parks are, front row, left to right, Richard Hicks and Lloyd Hankins. Back row, same order: Andrew Silani (chairman) and Glenn Bowen. Absent was Frederick Hyde.



PLANNERS — Members of the County Planning Commission observing a map of the Klamath Falls suburban area are, left to right, Jim Kerns Jr. (vice chairman), Clyde Williams, Murdo Morrison, Bob Norris (chairman), W. B. Bingham and Robert H. Beach. Absent: Roy Gooding.

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WELFARE GROUP — Observing some of their work are Klamath County Public Welfare Commission members, seated, left to right, Mrs. Doris A. Johnson, Reuben Larson (chairman), and Commissioner Ken Allison. Other members are, back row, same order, Commissioner Ken Ganong, Everett Metter, Ivan Riffey, and County Judge Robert Walker.



JUVENILE COUNCIL — Some of the members of the Klamath County Juvenile Council which meets to exchange ideas on methods of handling juvenile cases are, left to right, front row, Dr. Miriam Luten, Clara Moore, Mrs. Dorothea Buck (chairman), and Mrs. Lucile O'Neill. Back row, same order, Dr. Cliff Robinson, Rev. Andrew Jarvis, Gene Stivers and Roy Hunsaker. Absent were Lawrence Slater, Herb Waits Jr., Charles Larkin, and Mrs. E. A. Geary.

Volunteer Citizens Assist County Government

The cogs of county government are kept revolving by more than 300 county employees, representing an annual payroll of \$1.2 million, but behind that operation are 67 people who work voluntarily behind closed doors to assist in the efficient and economic management of various county activities.

The 67 people serving with little or no remuneration are appointees of the county court who serve on the county's 12 boards, commissions, and committees as advisers to department heads on the county payroll.

The county advisory groups meet during evenings, generally, and devote much of their spare time to conducting studies and making reports on projects of concern to their various committees.

Those groups include the Army Board, Budget Committee, Dog Commission, Fair Board, Library Board, Museum Board, Park Commission, Planning Commission, Roads Advisory Committee, Board of Equalization, Welfare Commission and the Klamath County Juvenile Council.

In some cases, the volunteers groups make recommendations directly to the county court, while other groups act in a supervisory capacity to other county government activities.

Those selected to serve are appointed for prescribed terms by the county court. Some members do their part by serving for one term, others serve for indefinite appointments, and still others do more than their part by accepting appointment for two or more terms in succession.

Of the 12 groups working behind the props of county government, only the three-man dog commission receives token compensation for its efforts—an annual stipend of approximately \$100 per member.

In accordance with Oregon statute, members of the County Court are represented on two of the groups, namely the Welfare Commission and the Budget Committee.

Few people other than the members of the three-man County Court realize the quality of the work performed by the 12 boards and commissions. In attesting to

that point, Commissioner Frank Ganong of the County Court commented, "Services donated to the public by the citizens serving our county boards and commissions are invaluable to the local taxpayer. I believe that most people would concede that local government is easier to reach and more satisfactory to deal with than the state or federal governments."

"I believe this is true because more individual citizens are actively involved in local government."

"Klamath County has been fortunate in the quality of the advice received from those citizens who have voluntarily served on county boards and commissions over the years."

"At no time have we been better served than we are by those outstanding citizens now active in this capacity."

The members of the 12 committees, boards and commissions who are giving unselfishly of their time this year are noted along with a description of the duties of the various groups below. The list includes the principal duties of the volunteers and is not meant to cite all of the contributions they make to the county.

The Army Board administers the use of the auditorium and all business of the army; it reports to the County Court and the city officials. Two members are appointed each by the County Court and by the mayor of Klamath Falls. A fifth member is appointed by the board.

The budget is approved by the County Budget Committee. Fred Hoagland and Frank F. Ganong represent the County Court, Julian Abbott and Chet Hamaker were appointed by the mayor, and Hal Ogle was selected by the board.

The Budget Committee, with R. P. Ellingson, (chairman), William Falvey and L. C. Offield, approves all county budgets in the various county departments. This is done annually in May. The budget must be turned over to the assessor by July 15, at which time the assessor uses the budget against the assessed values in each taxing district to arrive at the millage rate.

Gerald West, Merle Loosley and M. G. Burk served on the Dog Commission, which advises the poundmaster and takes care of all matters pertaining to dogs in the county. They also hear complaints, for example, livestock which has been killed by dogs.

All business concerning the fairgrounds is handled by the Fair Board: William Marshall (chairman), Mervin Wilde, Al Hattan and area advisers, Don Colwell and Louis Hill. The board administers the use of the fairgrounds and the exhibit building.

The Library Board advises the librarian as to policy and service to the community. They approve all claims before they are submitted to the county court for payment and advise the librarian on matters concerning personnel. Chairman Ted DeMerritt is assisted by George McIntyre, Margaret Whitlatch, Benah Elliott, and Fred Foulon.

The main purpose of the Klamath County Museum Board is to encourage people of our area in natural and cultural education, and to promote scientific study and research. Board members, Warren Benner (chairman), Jim O'Donohue, Lorraine Quillen, Scott Warren, Hal Ogle, and Carol Howe, try to acquaint visitors with interesting features of the region.

Andy Silani (chairman), Richard Hicks, Glenn Bowen, Lloyd Hankins and Frederick Hyde serve on the Park Commission which plans for the construction and maintenance of county parks. They plan and work along with the Game Commission, Bureau of Land Management, Winema National Park and the State Park Board to jointly establish parks by using land and funds available through these various sources.

The Planning Commission advises the county court on the growth and development of the community. They are administrators of the Klamath County Subdivision Ordinance, and recommend names for newly created streets, submitting them to the county court for approval. The members of the commission are also administrators of the Klamath County Zoning Ordinance.

Last year, about 25,000 acres in subdivisions were processed by the group which includes Bob Norris (chairman), Roy Gooding, Jim Kerns, Walter Bingham, Clyde Williams, Bob Beach, Murdo Morrison and Elmer Lemler.

The Roads Advisory Committee applies the Road Designation Formula to proposed additions in the county road system in cases where roads rightfully should be county roads. The committee acquires an inventory of all roads and highways lying within Klamath County, numbering, naming, and classifying these roads and highways according to location, use, physical conditions, and geometric standards. They review and make recommendations on programs of work and budget, and act in an advisory capacity for the engineer. Chairman Francis Landrum, James Kerns Jr., Alvin Cheyne, Don Hummel and Fred Markwardt serve on the committee.

The three-member Board of Equalization examines the ratio materials submitted by the assessors.

As provided in Section 56 of the juvenile code, the Klamath County Juvenile Council is appointed by the Klamath County juvenile judge. The council studies and makes recommendations concerning the operation of the court, and also make recommendations to counselors and other personnel. They study problems coming before the court.

The council is required to make an annual report concerning their activities, and the county court may expend funds for that work. Council members include Mrs. Dorothea Buck (chairman), Mrs. E. A. Geary, Mrs. Lucile O'Neill, Rev. Andrew Jarvis, Mrs. Gene Stivers, Ray Hunsaker, Dr. Cliff Robinson, Mrs. Hagen A. Moore, Dr. Miriam Luten, Lawrence Slater, Herb Waits Jr. and Charles Larkin.

The board adopts or rejects the assessor's posted ratio, and they hear appeals, increase or reduce particular assessments, and equalize the assessment roll. The three members include County Judge R. R. Walker (chairman), R. P. Ellingson and H. E. Hamaker.

The administration of all public assistance and child welfare programs is supervised by the Klamath County Public Welfare Commission. Serving on the commission are Reuben R. Larson (chairman), Mrs. Doris Johnson, Ivan Riffey, Everett E. Metter, Frank F. Ganong, E. K. Allison, and R. R. Walker. They approve routine salary increases, merit ratings and other personnel matters. The commission enforces rules and regulations necessary to insure full compliance with the terms of federal and state statutes.

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Mystery Geyser Spits Gas, Water From Hold In Kansas County Road

ATTICA, Kan. (UPI)—A mysterious salt water geyser that sprung up in the middle of a county road started its third week Friday of spitting gas and water from the earth.

From 200 to 400 barrels of so line water gush hourly from the 50-foot-deep crater. It tests about 50 per cent salt saturation and has contaminated nearby Bluff Creek.

The hole started spewing gas Feb. 7, then fresh muddy water started flowing. Soon, the liquid became salty and other smaller holes within a mile south opened. The hole grew rapidly.

Water squirted up to 100 feet the first days. As the hole grew larger, the spout grew shorter. Now the gas forces the fountain some three to 15 feet high, varying from time to time.

"It just keeps going," said Don Parr, editor of the Attica Independent, a weekly newspaper. "It has become a serious problem."

Parr said the spout has attracted thousands. This is a grassy section of Kansas and numerous wells are in the area. Investigations have failed

to disclose the exact cause of the salty gusher.

A meeting was called today in Wichita to determine a course of action to stop the flow. Parr said "there doesn't seem to be a simple solution to the problem" he said all inexpensive means have been tried. Now "there is going to have to be some finesse."

Ralph O'Connor, district geologist for the state Board of Health, said a sand bog levee may be formed around the hole to create an artificial head of pressure. Parr said many believed this would only cause the some 20 or 30 other smaller holes to spout additional water.

Parr said one of the minor hole's natural gas had caught fire but

fire at the main geyser had been averted. The danger that somebody would ignite the gas flow remained a hazard.

Most farmers had fenced their livestock away from Bluff Creek. Parr said an attempt was made to pipe the salt water into a "disposal well," but that was abandoned when the pump could not handle the volume.

Crews continued a check of gas wells in the area that might have "blown out" and caused the flow but reported no findings.

No Collusion

PORTLAND (UPI)—Mel Gordon, Multnomah County Commission chairman, said today no evidence of collusion exists in four identical bids submitted Jan. 17. Gordon asked for an investigation after four oil firms offered bids of \$30,310 for asphalt.

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The sanitary land fill operation is a matter of trenching and burying garbage each day. Burning, of leaves and branches only, is done once a week.

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