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Hospital Addition Plans Win Federal Approval, Money

Representative Sam Coon advised the county court and the Gazette Times Monday by telegram that definite official approval has been granted the county for its plans to construct a new wing on Pioneer Memorial hospital. With the approval comes \$34,247.22 in Federal Hill-Burton funds.

Tentative approval of the recently revised plans was given by the Bureau of Public Health several weeks ago, but the telegram gave definite proof that the building program has received official OK and that the match-money will be forthcoming. County judge Garnet Barratt said that the architects have now been instructed to prepare plans and specifications that bids may be called as soon as possible.

Coon's telegram said, "Glad to advise you Public Health Department has given preliminary approval for addition of 15 general beds and public health center to Pioneer Memorial hospital under Hill-Burton program. Estimated Federal share \$34,247.22, with total estimated cost of project \$135,929. I am advised Federal funds are available and will be released when architectural drawings, local funds and other requirements have been met."

Practically all other requirements, mentioned by Coon in his telegram, have been met, it was said by the court. Local funds are available from a special levy passed last year by voters, and as soon as final plans can be prepared the job can get under way. More than 15 beds are planned for the new wing, but those to be located on the lower level for nursing home use must be built entirely from local funds as the Hill-Burton money cannot be used for this purpose. The two separate functions of the hospital can, however, be built together, as will be done here, with the government aiding in only the construction of the general hospital quarters. When completed the new wing will house a total of 24 beds and the public health center.

Farms Sought for This Year's IFYE Program in County

Farm families who will open their homes to International Farm Youth Exchanges are being sought now. N. C. Anderson, Morrow county 4-H extension agent, announced.

Through the exchange about eight young visitors from other countries will spend part of the year in Oregon, he said.

A young New Zealand dairy farmer is the first one to be assigned to an Oregon visit this year. He is John Mathew Whitlock, 23, of Kaiwaka, New Zealand. The farm homes at which he will stay have not yet been selected.

The International Farm Youth Exchange gives overseas young people, 18 to 28 years of age, a chance to see how Americans live. They live, work, and play with farm families.

For each delegate Oregon sends to some other country, two exchanges spend two or three months in the state. Each of these foreign visitors also goes to another state before returning home.

Mrs. Winnifred Gillen, state 4-H extension agent heading the IFYE program in Oregon, said each exchange will probably have an opportunity to stay with two or three different farm families. By this arrangement, they will stay from four to six weeks with each family, working with them for room and board.

Anderson said additional details and application forms for those interested in providing a temporary home for a visitor may be obtained at the county extension office, Hepburn.

Hepburn Student 2nd in U. N. Contest

Alberta Dayhuff, Pendleton high school junior, was named winner of the Oddfellows United Nations Youth Pilgrimage trip to New York this summer, at the district finals contest held last Thursday night at Echo. Lance Tibbles, Hepburn won second place and will act as alternate. The contest was held before a large crowd at the Echo school gymnasium.

For the last two years, Hepburn students have won the contest, Jack Sumner making the trip in 1952 and Sally Palmer last year.



QUEEN GRACE MILLER OF BOARDMAN

Miss Grace Miller Named Queen of '54 Fair and Rodeo

Miss Grace Miller, pretty 18 year old brunette who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Miller of Boardman was this week named queen of the 1954 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. She was a Fair and Rodeo princess in 1952.

Queen Grace, who is a fresh-

New Highs Set at Hermiston Sale

HERMISTON—Two new highs were set at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. Three fat lambs weighing 355 lbs., consigned by Earl McKenny, of Ione, brought \$21.00 cwt., highest price this year. Ten mixed fat hogs weighing 2265 lbs., brought \$29.10 cwt., highest price in a year, to Oscar McCarty, Echo, up sixty cents over the previous Friday.

Earl McKenny of Ione also consigned 11 ewes which weighed 1715 lbs., and sold for a top of \$21.00 cwt. Kenneth Smouse of Ione topped the market with a 1090 lb. whiteface steer that sold for \$21.50.

Volume of cattle consigned increased to 459 head, compared with 417 the previous Friday. Also consigned were 89 hogs compared with 115 and 80 sheep compared with 18.

Trading was active and demand broad and active. Prices were fully steady to higher in spots. Fleshy cows of better quality were in strong demand and long and short fed steers were steady to 50 cents stronger despite drops at other markets. Quality, flesh and demand contributed to the new high in fat lambs, more of which are needed due to a seasonal Lenter-Easter demand. Also needed are good quality 700-900 lb. feeder steers, fat slaughter steers and particularly sought are good fat heifers.

Oregon and Washington packers and feeders were active Friday. Yakima valley potato feeders buying feeder steers. Farmer buyers took home many stocker cattle.

Calves: Baby calves 12.50-29.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 18.50-19.90 cwt.; heifer calves 15.75-18.10 cwt.; veal 22.40-26.70.

Steer: Stocker steers 15.80-17.10 cwt.; feeder steers 17.50-19.40; fat slaughter steers 19.75-21.50; fat heifers 16.20-19.50.

Cows: Dairy cows 110.00-155.00 hd.; dairy heifers 31.00-42.00 hd.; stock cows with calves at side 121.50-155.00 pair.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 14.60-16.35 cwt.; utility 13.10-14.50; canner-cutter 9.50-12.00; few heavy Holsteins to 14.00; shells 6.25-8.50.

Bulls: 13.75-16.40. Hogs: Weaner pigs 14.50-18.50 hd.; feeder pigs 28.25-32.90 cwt.; fat hogs 28.10-29.10 (new top); sows 22.50-24.35; no boars.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 15.50-17.00 cwt.; fat lambs 18.75-21.00 (new top); ewes with lambs at side 16.00-18.00 pr.; 6.25-10.20 cwt.; no bucks.

More Like Polar Bear Than Lion, March's Exit in County

The weather in this section of Morrow county may have looked springlike and pretty early this week, but it didn't feel much like it as the official government thermometer in Hepburn recorded a low of 13 above zero early Monday morning. Tuesday's minimum wasn't much higher, with a 17 above recorded.

According to reports, little if any damage was done to wheat or other grains in this area by the cold, nor were fruit trees in this section which are normally slower starting and in most cases had not yet begun to blossom.

The cold wave which hit this section of the nation over the weekend caused considerable damage in some adjacent areas, especially to fruit trees. Several Washington points reported temperatures as low as zero.

Rains and snow which has fallen during the past week or so have pleased local ranchers, but the cold spring has retarded the growth of nearly all crops. Cattle-men especially are looking for a few warm days and nights to bring up the grass as most grazing lands are still practically bare of new grass.

Even low temperatures, around 10 degrees, were reported from outlying areas in the county.

Crash Takes Life Of Dale Olson

Dale Ruben Olson, 34, died at Pioneer Memorial hospital last Friday morning of injuries received when the car in which he was a passenger left the Columbia river highway about a mile west of Hepburn Junction and rolled into the ditch. The accident occurred late Thursday evening.

Olson was brought to Hepburn by the Arlington ambulance but died within a few hours. He suffered internal injuries and broken bones. According to investigating police, the car was driven by James Harvey Brannon, also of Hepburn.

Olson and Brannon, both of whom were unemployed, had been to Pendleton where Olson received medical aid for an injury received previously while he was employed at the Hepburn Lumber Company. According to the report, they were returning to Hepburn but drove on west of the junction past the detour around new highway construction, then turned around and headed back east.

The other two members of her court are expected to be chosen within a short time.

Power Problems Told by Keenan

Tom Keenan, district manager of the Pendleton district of Pacific Power and Light company, Monday noon told the chamber of commerce of the history of power in the Hepburn area, sketching the progress made by his company since it took over the distribution of electricity here in 1926.

Keenan told how power companies formerly pushed the sale of household appliances to build up the use of power, and then how during and since the war they have been plagued with a shortage instead of a surplus. He said the northwest power pool, a voluntary combination of power resources, both private and public, was an excellent example of how both interests could work together, and told instances of how close the pool had come to breaking down when demand nearly exceeded supply. He also told of many of the developments that PP&L had made during recent years to improve its service and increase its generating capacity.

Keenan spoke briefly about the Bells Canyon dam controversy and said there were definite and good arguments on both sides pointing out that the settlement of the question was now in the hands of the federal power commission which is charged with the responsibility of determining which of the two Snake river development plans is more practicable. He said his company had faith in the decision of the commission, that it would be for the best public interest.

Keenan, who formerly lived in Hepburn, told several amusing instances that occurred during his stay here, when the company was quite young.

He was introduced by J. R. Huffman, Hepburn PP&L manager.



\$48 WORTH OF COYOTES—These eight coyote pups, brought in to court house Monday were worth that much in bounties to Mrs. Barbara Luhrs, who caught the cute little fellows on her ranch near Big Butter Creek in the northeast section of the county. One of the litter's parents was killed but the other got away. These eight will never bother sheep, for shortly after the picture was taken their short life ended. (GT Photo)

"MINOR POINTS" CAUSE DELAY IN SOLVING HEPPNER'S "MAJOR CRIME"

Except for a couple of minor points, one of the best news stories of the year occurred at 8:30 last Sunday evening in front of the Hepburn city hall when one man was reportedly "shot dead", and another seriously wounded in a major gun duel over a woman.

Local police and the sheriff were deluged Monday morning with requests for names and details as the story spread around town practically before the sound of the shots had died out. Even the hospital staff reported receiving calls asking about the condition of the victim.

As far as the police were concerned, the minor points mentioned previously consisted

only of the fact that nobody could find the body, the injured man, the woman, the gun, any evidence of the crime or anyone who had witnessed the shooting though everybody knew all about it. All were minor matters, though somewhat necessary to police bent on investigating such a crime.

No one has yet definitely established the source of the story about the city's major crime wave though the Gazette Times' special secret operator uncovered one lead which could solve the problem. According to reports, a local businessman innocently (?) gave out the gory details "just to see how far the story would go."

He should know by now.

LIVESTOCK AND GAME PROBLEMS GET STUDY BY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Meeting Thursday evening, March 25, the livestock disease control committee of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association discussed pertinent problems with which they were concerned. On Friday evening the game laws committee of that association also met.

Chairman of the disease control committee is Kenneth Peck, Lexington, while Gerald Swaggart, Hepburn, heads the game laws committee, for 1954.

The livestock disease control committee met primarily to discuss the proposed reduction in the federal indemnity payments for Brucellosis reactors. This item has been cut from the federal government budget for 1955. The item has cost the federal government \$3,000 during the past year in Oregon, matching funds put up by the county and state; \$16 has been matched by \$16 from the state and county, combined, while during the 1954 fiscal year, the federal indemnity was reduced to \$9. The committee agreed to write letters to U. S. representatives and senators, the Oregon Cattleman's Association and neighboring county livestock associations, urging their efforts in bringing about a continuation of indemnity payments. The group felt that this budget was too small to cut out in view of the threat of Brucellosis to both humans and livestock, and that all taxpayers would share alike in this contribution towards indemnity, encouraging livestock operators to test and slaughter reactors.

Plans were also made at this meeting to accelerate the Brucellosis and T.B. testing program in Morrow county, and the Bureau of Animal Industry was requested to contribute an additional veterinarian during the month of April to clear up herds before they left for the summer range. Dr. George Marugg, local veterinarian doing the testing, has tested more animals in the past year than any year since the program was initiated.

The Friday evening game laws committee made several recommendations for presenting to the general meeting of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association that will be held in early April. Recommendations asked that the state game commission be elected by districts instead of appointed by the governor. Other recommendations asked that the Livestockgrowers Association appoint a representative to appear before the public hearing at Pendleton on April 22 on the proposed withdrawal of public lands along the north fork of the John Day for big game winter pasture; recommended that the state game commission pay one-half the sum offered as reward by the county livestock association for arrest

and conviction of theft or trespass cases when a hunter is involved, and that the state game commission be asked to use some of their funds on a concentrated grass seeding program, on logged-off areas which would provide feed for big game.

A question that this committee wished to bring before the livestock members is whether the state game commission should buy or lease more land for big game winter range. Other recommendations were three that were recommended by this committee last year. One asked that regulations be put into force requiring the written permission of the owners of at least 50% of the land involved before opening any special hunting season; that everyone become acquainted with game and fish laws and assist in their enforcement by reporting violations.

Attending the game laws committee were: chairman Gerald Swaggart, W. E. Hughes, and Bob Van Schoiack. Those attending the disease control committee were: Kenneth Peck, Lexington; Jim Lindsay, Ione; Bernard Doherty, R. B. Ferguson, and John Graves, Hepburn. N. C. Anderson is secretary for these two committees.

Kinzua Infant Dies Enroute to Hospital

Myra Lee, seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLeen of Kinzua died Tuesday morning enroute to Pioneer Memorial hospital. The child had become ill during the previous night and her parents were bringing her to Hepburn to a physician, it was reported.

Local physicians performed an autopsy, but were unable to find the cause of death.

The child was born in the Hepburn hospital and will be buried in Wintock cemetery in Wheeler county. She is survived by her parents and an older brother.

Pomona to Hear Panel on Schools

The Morrow county Pomona Grange will meet at Greenfield Grange in Boardman on Saturday, April 3 starting at 10:30. The lecturer's hour opens at 2 p. m. and is open to the public. It was announced.

The main program will be a panel discussion of county school problems pertaining to financing and budgeting. Leslie Grant, county school superintendent will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. Sara McNamer left Friday for a vacation trip to Oklahoma where she will visit her brother.

Reduction in Butter Support Brings Lower Prices Here

The government's announced reduction of 8 cents per pound in the support price for butter was reflected today in Hepburn in an equally reduced retail price for most brands of butter and ice cream.

The department of agriculture announced early this week that it was reducing the support price on butter and butterfat effective April 1 and Claud Cox, owner of the Morrow County Creamery today said that the reduction will be passed along to the consumer on all products his company manufactures. He distributes Pride of Oregon butter and ice cream throughout Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Cox said that the former retail price of butter has been 79 and 80 cents per pound and that it will now be 72 to 74 cents. A similar reduction will be noted in his ice cream products he said, as the new retail prices will be \$1.05 a gallon, 85 cents a half-gallon, 50 cents a quart and 25 cents a pint.

According to stories in Portland papers earlier this week, some Portland dairies expected to cut butter prices about five cents on April 1 and follow with another three cents reduction later, but Cox said Wednesday that the price reduction on his products will reflect the full subsidy cut.

School Intersection Finally Marked by Crosswalk Sign

Hepburn finally has its amber blinking school crosswalk sign hung and in operation on north Main street. It was quite a struggle though, for it took nearly six months of letter writing, discussion and argument to get it approved.

Wednesday afternoon Ed Col-lison and his crew of linemen from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op raised the sign to its position over the school crosswalk at the Tum-A-Lum corner to end the debate that started last fall when the Soroptomist club and the chamber of commerce took up the battle to get a blinker light or some form of warning signal installed at the intersection used by most school children.

Difficulties first arose when the state highway commission refused to approve an amber blinker light that had already been purchased by the organizations. It was returned to the manufacturer and the series of consultations with the highway department was started in an effort to find out what could be done. The present sign is the eventual outcome.

The bright yellow lighted sign with a flashing amber light at the bottom was donated by the Hepburn Lumber company. It is hoped another sign can be installed later at the court house intersection and some money is available for that project.

Adult Education Class in History Started

An adult education class in Oregon History was started last Tuesday, Leslie Grant, county school superintendent announced this week, and will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p. m. for the next six weeks. It is being taught by Jack Carmichael, Umatilla school superintendent.

The class is being held at the Hepburn high school and anyone who is interested in taking the course for credit, or to just audit, is urged to contact Grant for registration information.

Red Cross Campaign Approaches Goal

Morrow county's Red Cross campaign continued to sneak closer to its goal of \$1750, as one more district reported in to bring the total to \$1733.24, Mrs. Lowell Gribble, drive chairman reported today.

The campaign is officially concluded and Mrs. Gribble asked that chairmen in the districts which have not yet reported, to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and children and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner and son were in Portland during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams were in Baker during the weekend visiting Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Conrad.

Mrs. William Labhart and sons left Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Labhart's parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz of Monmouth.