

# Weatherford Hits Lack Of Control on Costs

By AVON MELBY

"Many departments of the state government are out from under control of the legislature," Frank Weatherford, Olex, said in an interview after meeting with the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. Weatherford, representative of the 22nd district, questioned the habit of using money left over in one category being used for a different purpose.

In particular he cited the recent purchase of a house for the new Oregon State University president at a cost of \$62,000. The money used was approved by the legislature for campus expansion in the land fund. The State Board of Higher Education purchased the house while it still owned a president's home, Weatherford said.

Also cited was the fact that the State Highway Commission recently discussed buying a \$100,000 twin-engine airplane out of surplus.

"These groups operate with dedicated money, as do the Welfare Commission and the Fish and Game Commission. There is no adequate control over their expenditures," the representative charged.

"I don't think it is too far wrong for the legislature to have a line item budget. The people have a right to know how their money is to be used through such a budget the same as is required of county courts, public schools, cities and municipalities," he said.

He said he was in favor of reorganizing the state government so better control could be obtained over agencies of the state government and stressed that a savings to the taxpayer could be made by such reorganization.

### Dams Suggested

A "series of dams" on both Rock Creek and Willow Creek was quoted as a long-time promotion. He said such dams could be made use of for recreational purposes, flood control, and also as areas to raise fish for the great loss of fish through fishing industry. He mentioned recent dams on the Columbia River and said, "If we don't do something about it, we will be out of fish in less than 10 years."

High freight rates in the Heppner area are being investigated by a committee appointed by the chamber at Weatherford's request. In commenting on this he said he had made the request as the result of complaints from businessmen of the area. He said the results of the investigation would be used as part of a statewide survey to see what could be done through the legislature

to help small businesses in Oregon.

Weatherford said roads of the area are partly responsible for lack of public transportation and for high freight rates. Large trucks and vans cannot come into the area because roads built for horse travel in the early 1920's have not been replaced by the State Highway Commission, he said. The roads from Arlington or Heppner to John Day were built at that time and have needed replacing for years, he charged. The economy of the area would greatly improve if better roads were built, he added.

## Work Day Set To Ready Fair

The smell of sawdust will soon be in the air again as the Morrow county fair draws near. This year's county fair will be held August 22-25 at the fair grounds in Heppner.

With 4-H and FFA members as well as adults busily preparing exhibits for the fair, everyone's thoughts are turned toward the many preparations that are needed to put on a successful fair. Each year in preparation for the fair, an annual clean-up day is held. This year's clean-up day has been scheduled for Friday, August 18, starting at 9:00 A. M. according to Joe Hay, county extension agent. Four-H, parents, and other adults interested in the fair, including superintendents, should plan to attend this clean-up day. With a large crew on hand the fair grounds can be readied for the fair without working a hardship on anyone, Hay said.

Among jobs that need to be done are setting up the judging arena and putting down the floor, setting up bleachers, cleaning out barns and setting up pens and cages for sheep and poultry, setting up the 4-H club milk-bar, and setting up tables and shelf area for inside exhibits which include vegetables, grains, flowers, canning, artwork and many others. Hay and straw for the livestock will also need to be hauled in to the fairgrounds.

Those who plan to attend the work-day should remember to bring tools such as forks, shovels, rakes, sledge hammers, and wire cutters.

### Milk Dispute May Be Solved

Disagreement on the price producers are to receive for grade A and grade B milk in the market areas of Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Grant, Gilliam and Wheeler counties may soon be solved.

The milk stabilization administrator set the price for this area at \$5.80 per 100 pounds of fluid milk. The price went into effect June 15, and was the same as was being paid producers in the Portland area, though other areas of the state are not all the same.

Distributors in this area claimed they could not pay this price because of the local competitive market and June 20 the 11 dairymen whose milk was being received by Hager's Dairy petitioned for a referendum to determine whether this minimum price should be continued.

The State Department of Agriculture mailed official ballots with accompanying instructions to producers and producer-distributors in the area who are eligible to vote, on August 9. The ballots must be returned by August 18, and the price will be decided on the result of this referendum.

## Rev. Knox Named To Juvenile Post

For the first time Morrow county has a juvenile counselor. The county court appointed the Rev. Charles V. Knox, minister of the Christian church, to the office at its last regular session.

Rev. Knox will be in charge of He will work with youth in all juvenile cases in the county, trouble, their parents, and law enforcement agencies. The appointment is for one year.

An amount of \$750 was included in the county budget for 1961-62 fiscal year for the office.

### Justice and Municipal Court

Terrel Lynn Benge, driving while intoxicated, fined \$154.50 and operator's license suspended for 90 days.

John William Everett Jr., no safety chain, fined \$10.00.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

David Hynd, Heppner, dismissed; Joy Frith, Fossil; Michael Campbell, Heppner; dismissed; Stanely Bird, Kinzua, dismissed; William Lowe, Heppner; Barbara Alstott, Heppner, dismissed; Victor Rietmann, Ione; Mercy Bailey, San Diego, Calif.

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# Rugg Displeased with Deal with State

(Also see story page 1)

George Rugg, who with his wife, Shirley, operates the sheep part of the Frank Wilkinson Estate, has not been in accord with the development plan for the proposed Boeing site and is outspoken with his dissatisfaction in regard to land trades that affect his sheep operation.

He has 5000 ewes, in five bands, which have pastured here from January until June on over 20,000 acres of land which the estate owned, 10,000 acres leased from the Bureau of Land Management, and 16,000 acres which was first leased from the Air Force and later from the Navy. This latter acreage is on the Boardman bombing range. Included in the estate owned land is seven miles of river frontage across the northern end of the range.

This huge expanse of land, appearing to be fit only for jack-rabbits, in reality has supported an average of 4,500 ewes with lambs for six months of the year, and provided them with excellent forage, according to Rugg.

"Early spring grass and good summer range is what makes our operation efficient," he said.

Large sheep operations such as this operate on a narrow margin, are facing competition from imports, and suffer from low prices, to the extent that few are left, Rugg said adding that he doubts if ever again they will be able to find a location from which they can operate as economically.

He runs his spread by driving the sheep to the Boardman location early each year. A lambing camp, covering more than 100 acres, has been built at the location one-half mile off Highway 30, 11 miles west of Boardman. Here lambs are born and tended before being released on the range in bands of 100 with Basque shepherders. In the early part of June the sheep are trucked back to the summer range around Parker's Mill where the estate owns 4200 acres of land and leases additional land from the Kinzua Corp. and the U. S. Forest Service.

The lambs are sold at five months and Rugg says it is the feed from the Boardman location which made his over 108 pound average on lambs this year.

"That early feed is responsible without it I don't know what we will do," he said.

Rugg said he did not sell any land to the state and that no money has changed hands between him and any other party in order to make the land available to Boeing. Instead an exchange of land has been arranged. For his "over 20,000 acres of land west of the range," he is to receive "7,000 to 8,000 acres plus 5600 acres of summer range in the mountains in the Ditch Creek area."

He said the 7,000 to 8,000 acre tract is in the Webb ranch on Rhea creek. In addition he is to receive "about 3,000 acres in the Skinner Creek ranch." Both these locations have buildings.

"On this land we can operate only about half the 5,000 head of sheep we now have," Rugg explained. He also pointed out that what he is giving up is "in one piece" and what he is receiving is "spread all over."

"I will be spending half my time running from place to place to try to care for the flocks," he said.



SHIRLEY AND GEORGE RUGG inspect their outstanding lambs before shipment July 13 from Parker's Mill. Weighing scales are in the background. This flock averaged 108.7 pounds when shipped at five months. Rugg received a notification from the California packing plant which bought them that they were the best lambs they had ever bought out of Oregon. (Melby Photo)

Rugg said he is not happy with the deal.

"If there were any way for me to cancel out of this agreement I would do it today," he stated Thursday.

"Besides being unable to run an economical operation, I stand a chance of losing my summer grazing rights on the National Forest," Rugg said. "The contract calls for my use of about half the land I originally owned for a five year period only. If I am unable to renew this agreement at the end of the five year period, I will have to purchase land to run my flocks in winter and spring, in order to hold my summer grazing rights on the National Forest."

Rugg stated that land values

had gone up as the result of the state paying \$20 per acre for grazing land in order to make room for Boeing. For that reason he said he would be unable to purchase additional land and stay in business.

Rugg pointed out that this agreement was signed by him on May 9 because Boeing had a deadline of May 11 to know exactly whether or not they are going to get this property.

"Boeing could have taken up the agreement at any time since that date so I do not feel I have been standing in their way," he added.

Rugg said one of the things that had been holding up the Boeing Co. was that the ex-

change agreement he signed called for grazing privileges for about five years on about half the land. Boeing, he said, considered the use to which they would be putting the land too dangerous for him to use the land.

"Finally an insurance policy for \$50,000 was taken out by the state from Lloyds of London, in favor of Boeing to protect them in case of damages to me or my possessions. This costs the state \$500 per year and is just on a trial deal. If many claims are filed, Lloyd's will drop the policy or raise the premium," he said. "I'll bet this will cost the state plenty in the long run," he added.

Rugg stated he was afraid Boeing plans for use of the land would necessitate such a large buffer area that his sheep and herders would be injured during their five year use of the area.

## Chamber Makes Plans for Rodeo

Committee chairmen were appointed and plans laid for the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce participation in the county Rodeo to be held here Sept. 2 and 3, at the regular meeting of the chamber Monday.

Orville Cutsforth was named in charge of ticket-taking. He will be assisted by other chamber members who will be posted at entry gates of the fairgrounds. Reserve seat tickets can be purchased at Turner, Van Marter & Bryant real estate office on Main street.

Nels Anderson was appointed to head a committee to arrange for judging of the big Saturday rodeo parade. Changes in this year's judging were suggested. It was stressed that judging how well the theme of the Fair would be based in good part on and Rodeo was carried out by floats entered.

The theme is "The Soaring 60's." Anderson said judges would be instructed to take this into consideration in naming the winners. An additional suggestion was made that entrants write an explanation of any unusual entries. These could be used by the announcer to draw attention to them.

### Car Skids On Turn; Two Women Hurt

Mrs. Robert Hogland of Dexter and Mrs. James Bennett of Heppner were hurt when the car in which they were riding Sunday night failed to make a turn on Highway 58 at the Jasper Junction at about 11:30 p. m.

State police said the car, driven by Dorothy L. Goode of Eugene, was moving west on Highway 58 and was attempting to turn right onto Highway 222. It skidded in loose gravel and went over a bank, striking a stop sign on the way.

Mrs. Bennett was in "good" condition at Sacred Heart hospital Monday morning. Mrs. Hogland was treated as an outpatient and released. Mrs. Goode was unhurt.

### Early Copy Needed For Next 3 Weeks

Because of the tight schedule anticipated by the Gazette-Times staff in the next three weeks, the paper would appreciate cooperation of the public with early copy for news and advertising.

Some members of the staff hope to get a few days vacation prior to the start of school, and Printer Joe Hartle is facing some time in the hospital because of a back ailment.

At the same time, a heavy workload is expected because of the upcoming fair and rodeo and Back-to-School news and advertising.

It is helpful when those with news or advertising contact the office as early as possible or bring it in.

### Picnic Set For Tonight

Members and families of the Degree of Honor are reminded of the annual potluck barbecue dinner to be held Thursday evening (today) on the lawn of the lodge hall at 6:30. The committee is hoping for a good attendance.

## Princess Sandra Rated as Top Horsewoman

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cutting show where she placed first in barrel racing, winning the buckle, and first in the half mile race. Other points were earned by this expert horsewoman at the Arlington rodeo May 6 and 7, the Walls Walla quarter-horse show, May 19 to 21. Chief Joseph Days rodeo July 28 to 30 and the Emerald Empire rodeo at Eugene August 4 to 6.

Winning honors and prizes is not new to Sandra who started riding at the age of three years. She has appeared on a horse in every Heppner fair and rodeo parade since she was five.

Starting serious competition three years ago, Princess Sandra was declared the all-around junior cowgirl of the Northwest during 1960 when she won 17 silver buckles with six trophies for her performances. She was third in state, receiving a pair of silver spurs, and won the Morrow county junior calf roping event at the rodeo here the same year. In 1959 she was princess in the Condon rodeo and in 1958 was queen of the Fossil rodeo.

Princess Sandra is also a business woman and for the past several years has been raising Welsh ponies, and more recently quarterhorses, on the family wheat ranch west of Ione. The money she earns will be used in her college career.

Besides becoming one of the Northwest's best known cowgirls and running her own business, Princess Sandra finds time to be active in 4-H club work, and to help both her mother and father at home. She helps with the family cooking, and is such an expert at this that she has been entered at state fair. She has also appeared at the state fair two years in her showmanship and horsemanship in 4-H saddle club work. She helps her father around the ranch and has driven wheat truck during harvest on their own property since she was ten years old.

She has had five year membership in a 4-H saddle club, is now president of the Horseyly Saddle club at Ione, is a director of the Oregon Girl's Barrel Racing association, and is a member of Willows Grange, Arlington Saddle club, Heppner Wranglers club, Oregon, Washington and Idaho junior rodeo associations, American and Oregon Quarter-horse association; and the Oregon Horseman's association.

Blonde and blue-eyed, Sandra is popular with her classmates and was chosen cheer leader at Ione high school where she will be a junior this fall. She has played drums in the band for three years, is a member of the chorus, of Girl's League, is active in dramatics. She plays on the first team in girl's volleyball and made the all-star team for the district last year. Busy as she is, she still finds time to hold an office in the newly-organized Order of Rainbow for Girls at Ione.

Princess Sandra will ride her registered quarterhorse, Sonny, in her official appearances at the fair and rodeo.

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## Mrs. Paul Brown Renamed to Board

Mrs. Paul Brown, Heppner, has been reappointed by Governor Mark O. Hatfield to serve four years on the Morrow County Welfare Commission. The appointment took effect August 1. This is the second term Mrs. Brown has served.

Throughout the state, 14 re-appointments and 17 new appointments were made to County Public Welfare Commissions.

Visiting with friends during the week-end from their home in Bend were Mr. and Mrs. George Terrel and family.

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