

Three Counties Join In Welfare Service Plan

Three counties, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow, will combine welfare services under one administrative unit next month, County Judge Oscar Peterson announces.

The action followed formal approval by the Gilliam and Wheeler county public welfare commissions and the Morrow county commission in a joint discussion last Thursday. Participating in the discussion were Eugene Pugh of the State Public Welfare Commission, Dale O'Hara, administrator of the Gilliam-Wheeler county offices, and Lowell Chally, administrator for Morrow county.

Combining the services of the three counties is a new concept in welfare services, Chally said. Primary benefit anticipated from such a consolidation is economy in administration.

Chally was appointed administrator for the tri-county area, and his salary was increased \$50 per month above that as Morrow county administrator. Savings by the combining of the services will mean about \$3500 per year in the three counties of which some \$1500 to \$1800 saving will be made to Morrow county.

The only increase in staff anticipated will be a half-time secretarial position. Services will be available out of offices to be maintained at Heppner, Condon and Fossil.

Secretaries presently serving with the commissions are Betty McDonald of Heppner and Janet Phillips of Condon.

Their responsibilities will be considerably increased under the new plan, Chally said. The authority of each county commission is in no way lessened, and all actions taken during each month in public assistance matters must still meet with their approval as before.

Each county presently has programs covering old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the disabled, aid to the blind, general assistance, foster care and child welfare services.

In addition all three counties participate in the surplus food program.

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right at the state standard with some as low as 21 (in first grade) and some classes of 30 or more.

Some in the audience suggested that a savings might be made by combining the eighth grade home economics program with that of the high school. Brown pointed out that under the bus shuttle service required to do this, 26 minutes of a 52-minute class period is lost, making a "farce" of the program. The trip between schools requires 12 minutes each way, he said.

Fred Nelson asked why contracts must be let to teachers before the budget election, and he was told by Director L. E. Dick that the date for offering contracts to teachers is fixed by law. Driscoll earlier had proposed that the school budget be first submitted in the fall or early winter so that if it is not approved there would be more time to revamp it to the public's satisfaction.

Director Harvey Warner of Irigon suggested that a serial levy be proposed for completion of the Heppner high school, deleting it from the budget, and including enough to build a shop for the new school, together with other possible needs in the district.

"I feel the people should be consulted more on these things," Warner said.

Director D. O. Nelson said that to have the contractor come back to do work left unfinished while the building was in construction would "cost double."

Mrs. J. L. Barak said that the people had no confidence left in the school proposals and cited the matter of establishing the special services director position as one breach of faith with the public.

Terry Thompson pointed out what he considered to be some small discrepancies in costs for various items in the budget that he felt should be explained, among them six primary chairs for lone at \$90 as against 12 primary chairs at \$100, and a set of encyclopedias at Heppner for \$250 as compared with a set for Irigon at \$230. Superintendent Robert Van Houte said that the encyclopedias were for different levels of attainment and therefore of different cost. Some of the items asked for by the administrators are not set exactly because of varying costs, but are "rounded off," he said.

Others had matters to bring up in the 2½-hour session with an occasional heated exchange but Chairman Anderson kept the session well under control. At the midway point, the meeting took a recess while many enjoyed a coffee break at the urn provided in the room.

Freedom Savings Bond Sale Opens; Quota is \$34,000

The second annual Freedom Savings Bonds Drive is underway all over the nation, according to Thomas S. Prideaux, Chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds Committee.

"With the Nation deeply concerned over dangerous problems in many parts of the globe, and with most Americans much more aware than they have been in years of the importance to them personally of our heritage of freedom, it is hoped that every family in the State with a regular income will buy at least one Savings Bond during the drive period ending July Fourth," Prideaux said.

A state-wide feature of the opening of this year's Freedom Bond Drive will be a radio and television production of a special concert by the Eugene Gleemen, perhaps the best-known male vocal group in Oregon. The concert is composed of songs known and loved by most American adults and will be concluded by the singing of two old favorites, "The Land of the Empire Builders" and "The Oregon Trail."

County Chairman J. H. Bedford announces that while no county quotas are being assigned for the Freedom Drive period, all major cities and towns in the State have been asked to assume dollar goals equal to their last year's sales in May and June plus a small increase. Quota assigned for this city is \$34,000.

The concert by the Eugene Gleemen has been entitled "The Sounds of Freedom," and it is hoped that the Freedom Bond Drive can be climaxed in all major towns and cities in the state by the announcement of quotas reached.



QUEEN JOAN I

Large Crowd Watches Crowning of Queen

A large attendance was present at the Masonic hall Saturday evening for the crowning ceremonies of Joan Marie Healy, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Healy, who will reign as queen for the Shrine East-West football game in Pendleton August 24.

Joan was presented by Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, including Dianne Schaffitz, associate worthy advisor; Debra Young, Judy Jones, Mary Pierce, Janis Baker and Jan Hager. Janis and Judy sang their own arrangement of "Around the World," accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Turner at the piano.

Escorting the little queen-elect was Tom Tuttle and Chris Lasson of the Pendleton chapter, DeMolay. She was crowned Queen Joan I by Harry Myers of Condon.

Father Raymond Beard gave the opening prayer at the coronation, and Dr. C. M. Wagner, president, extended greetings from the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. Bill Isom of Pendleton gave a brief history of Shrine hospitals, and a large picture of Queen Joan was presented to her parents by Jack Saul of Pendleton.

John Porter, Heppner High school senior who will play with the East team, was introduced, along with Dennis Herbison, Condon, and John Partlow, alternate, Boardman, Ron Crabtree, alternate of Lone, could not be present.

The Rev. Charles V. Knox closed the ceremonies with a prayer.

Queen Joan attends Heppner Elementary school and is a second grader in the room of Mrs. Anita Stockard.

Joan has five sisters, Patti, 11½; Susan, 7; Mary Lynn, 6; Janice, 3½; and Maureen, 2. Grandmother's are Mrs. John Healy of Heppner and Mrs. Henry Lazinka, Pendleton.

Joan's favorite pastime is riding her horse. She loves all animals and living on a ranch enables her to enjoy her animal friends. She also likes music and singing.

At the age of 13 months it was discovered that Joan had congenital dislocated hips. She was treated from February, 1956, to March, 1958, periodically at the Shrine Hospital in Portland. After surgery on both hips early in 1958 and in December, 1957, she was able to learn to walk for the first time normally since her first hospitalization.

Joan's aunt, Miss Cecilia Healy of Portland, is a former Heppner Fair and Rodeo Queen. Her mother, Kathryn, was 1950 queen of the Pendleton Round-up; her aunt, Jean Lazinka, was Round-up princess in 1951; another aunt, Mrs. Ron (Judy) Curran was queen of the Round-up in 1958, and still another aunt, Mary Lou Lazinka, was queen of the Round-up in 1961.

Out-of-town guests at the coronation included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Isom, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saul, and Mrs. Henry Lazinka, all of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. John Gimbel, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jaeger, Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, Walter Jaeger and Carl Myers, all of Condon.

Rainbow dignitaries present were Mrs. Jim (Mary Ellen) Myers, Ruth assembly mother advisor, and Mrs. Ruby Beckett, grand chapter mother advisor. Refreshments were served in the dining room.

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Building Permits Show Spurt Here; Five Homes Start

Five new homes are now under construction in Heppner, it was revealed at the city council meeting Monday night when building permits were approved. The five new structures are listed at a total of \$51,500, and six additional permits for repairs or improvements brought the total approvals to \$61,900.

Two homes are being built on cemetery hill by the A and R Construction Company, being located on Skyline Drive, each at a cost of \$13,000. Haskell Sharrard is listed as owner of a new residence in progress at 580 Chase Street, for which a \$6500 permit was issued. Carl W. Thorpe is building a new residence in lot 9, block 4 at a listed cost of \$10,000 and R. B. Ferguson is constructing a home on Hager Street with cost placed at \$9,000.

Permits approved for alterations and repairs were these: Glen Ward, 535 South Chase, \$4,000, addition of bedroom, bathroom and carpet.

Lyle Matteson, 575 Hager Street, \$200 for repairs.

Don Bellenbrock, 175 North Court, \$3,400, new siding, roof, windows and porch.

Joe Wright, 160 N. Gilmore, \$300, alterations and repairs.

Archie Padberg, \$1000, garage.

Methodist Church, \$1500, carpet and storage room.

The sudden spurt is quite a change from 1962 when not a single new home was built in Heppner.

Graduation Dates Set in County

End of the school year is fast approaching, and Morrow county high schools are in the process of making plans for commencement and baccalaureate exercises.

In Heppner, the class of 1963 did not have the privilege of attending school in the new building, but it will have the honor of being the first class to graduate from it. Both commencement and baccalaureate will be in the new high school gym with baccalaureate set for Sunday, May 26, at 8 p.m. and commencement following on the night of Wednesday, May 29, also at 8 o'clock.

In Lone, baccalaureate will be at the same time as that in Heppner, on Sunday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the lone gymnasium, but commencement will be on Tuesday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium.

Riverside High's baccalaureate will come early, scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at 8 p.m. in the gym and commencement will be Friday, May 24, at 8 p.m., also in the gymnasium.

New City Well Shows Good Flow

Heppner's new well for domestic water supply, located on the Norman Florence property up Willow Creek, has come in with a good flow of water, Vic Groshens, city superintendent, reported to the city council Monday night.

The well was undergoing tests Wednesday afternoon. At the Monday meeting, Groshens said that the initial flow at the well was about 500 gallons per minute but had tapered off to 231 gallons after the initial surge. The Wednesday tests were to check out its capacity with more accuracy.

The water was of 56-degree temperature and is good and soft, he said.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week are the following: Claire O'Donnell, Heppner; Gary Couture, Fossil; Bethene Denton, Kinzua; Laurance Williams, Heppner; Clyde Cole, Heppner; Lota Wallace, Fossil; L. D. Vinson, Kimberly; Harry Coghill, Condon; Jeanne Lovgren, Heppner; Norma Naley, Condon; Russell Stroube, Spray, and Martha Cole, Heppner.

Patients dismissed during this same period were: Floyd Jones, Heppner; Lucinda Hudespeith, Condon; Rodney Whitesmith, Heppner; Gwen Randall, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman were in Seaside over the weekend as chaperones for the lone senior class trip.

Hermiston Check Given to Support Dam Project Trip

A check for \$35 was presented to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at its Monday luncheon meeting by Joe Burns, president of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, to be added to a fund to send a delegate to Washington, D. C., in early June in the interests of the Willow Creek dam project.

"We supported the dam at the hearing earlier this year," Burns said, "and we are willing to go farther." He added that he wished the Hermiston group was in a position to give more because their feeling is that the project will be of definite benefit to the entire area.

Oliver Creswick, chairman of the development committee of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber and a stalwart promoter of the dam, has been chosen to represent the group at the forthcoming Rivers and Harbors Congress that begins June 3. He has received a schedule from Herb West Jr. of the Inland Empire Waterways association for the Congress, listing appointments at the White House, at a House appropriations hearing, Senate appropriations hearing, Bureau of the Budget, Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Power Commission, Department of the Army, Department of Interior, U. S. Corps of Engineers, and Department of Commerce.

County Judge Oscar Peterson will represent the county at the Congress and Mayor Al Lamb may possibly attend in the interests of the City of Heppner. The fund being solicited to send Creswick is lagging and any sufficiently interested in promoting the project are asked to forward contributions to Bert Huff, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, or Wes Sherman, secretary.

Mothers Are Guests Of 4-H Cooking Club

Kettles and Spoons 4-H club entertained their mothers and some other guests at a coffee hour April 27. We held it around the fireplace at the home of our leader, Mrs. Robert Abrams.

We served apple crisp which she had made that morning, and coffee. Our mothers had an opportunity to become better acquainted and to learn more about our club.

Present were a special guest, Miss Margaret McCarter, our track teacher from school, Teresa Wright, and members Marcia Lovgren and mother, Mrs. Marshall Lovgren; Kathy Matthews and mother, Mrs. Verlin Matthews; Susan Starks and mother, Mrs. Charles Starks; Susan Chally and mother, Mrs. Lowell Chally; Linda Cooper and mother, Mrs. Estel Field; Susan Melby and mother, Mrs. Arnold Melby; Frances Abrams and Mrs. Abrams, and Debbie Young, whose mother was not present.

On May 1 we planned to entertain the Golden Stitches club but Mary Pierce was the only member of our guest club who was able to come. We played a sewing game and a cooking game.

Susan Melby, reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Davis and family, Sacramento, Calif., visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jonasson. They were here the week of April 22.

Council Group To Eye Plans For Development

A special committee, appointed by the mayor and responsible to the city council, will seek ways to promote recreational and other development here, it was decided at the Monday evening meeting of the council.

In taking the action, the city dads acted on a request by Clarence Rosewall to continue efforts toward recreational development to stimulate activity here.

He proposed that the special committee look into the possibilities for obtaining a skating rink, a motion picture theater, or other facilities that will make the community more attractive.

With improvements on the highway to the north, it will become increasingly easy for residents to leave to find entertainment elsewhere, he said.

"I hate to see us dry up," Rosewall declared.

The council acted favorably on his proposal and authorized the mayor to appoint a committee of three, including two councilmen, who in turn would elect two citizen members. Mayor Al Lamb appointed Councilman Earl Ayres as chairman, Councilman Conley Lanham and Oliver Creswick as a citizen member. The latter is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development committee.

Ayres and Rosewall were among leaders in the recent proposal for the city to float a bond issue to build a bowling alley. The proposed plan was declared illegal by a League of Oregon Cities attorney just as it was entering the point of being formally proposed to the people.

The council also considered a proposal, also submitted by Rosewall, to send Mayor Lamb to the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C., in June in the interests of the Willow Creek dam.

Mayor Lamb said that he would be in Washington to a meeting of the board of the National Farmer Cooperatives later this month and may be able to serve the additional purpose on the one trip.

The council authorized him to speak for the city in meeting with governmental officials in the capital.

The council's committee of three to make preliminary preparations of the 1963-64 budget composed of Carl Spaulding, LeRoy Gardner and Ed Gonty, scheduled a meeting for Wednesday night to discuss the budget. The council will consider the proposed budget at its meeting Monday, June 3, and will meet with the citizen's committee on Wednesday, June 5.

In another action at the meeting, the council discussed whether it wished to apply for stored water from the Willow Creek dam if it is completed. The water committee was instructed to find out how much is available and what the charge would be. Consensus of the councilmen was that it would be a wise move to apply for some of the stored water.

The council went on record as favoring a bill in the legislature that would allow cities to do business up to \$500 per year with its elected officials.

Considerable discussion centered on trailer houses at the meeting and this led to consideration of possibility of enacting a zoning ordinance. It was decided to consider including money in the budget to provide for taking steps towards a zoning ordinance.

Roy J. Norene, Portland, visited here four days last week with his son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Norene.

Referendum Vote Details Given

Information on the 1962 wheat program which is the concern of all wheat producers, is available at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Heppner, Dave McLeod, manager said. For the convenience of all producers, the office will be open Monday through Saturday from now until May 21, the date of the referendum vote. Absentee ballots are available for those voters who will not be able to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 21. Absentee ballots must be obtained in person, from any ASCS office, and prior to May 16 or five days before the referendum.

All producers on a farm with less than 15 acres for wheat in 1964 must sign at the ASCS office no later than May 13, 1963 to be eligible to vote. These small growers, if eligible to vote, would also be eligible for price support and diversion payments.

All producers should be familiar with the alternatives and then indicate their decision in the May 21 referendum, McLeod said.

Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations: Tri-County Equipment Co., Heppner; Lexington Grange hall, Lexington; Lone Legion hall, Lone; Boardman city hall, Boardman.

Children are invited to visit one of the first grade rooms from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. in either Lexington or Heppner.

A general meeting is scheduled for 2:40 p.m. in the Heppner multi-purpose room when policies and procedures of the schools will be explained and children and parents will have an opportunity to meet the first grade teachers.

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Typewriters Taken At Riverside High

Burglars entered Riverside High school at Boardman sometime Tuesday night and stole eight typewriters with a value of about \$1500 to \$1600, Robert Van Houte, county superintendent of schools reported Wednesday.

Entrance was gained by breaking out a window of the building and the typewriters were removed via the same route. The school had 20 typewriters in the classroom from which the eight were taken. They were not insured because of the high cost of burglary insurance, the superintendent said.

Administrator Ron Daniels reported the loss and state police are working on the case.

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