

Organized effort to find doctors

The Inter-agency committee which has been coordinating a doctor recruitment effort for South Morrow County settled on an official title for itself at the meeting held at the courthouse Wednesday evening. The committee is to be known as the Medical Services Committee.

Chairman Liz Curtis reported that she had contacted Mrs. Helen Chenoweth, business manager and recruiter for the Northside Medical Clinic in Orofino, Idaho, who had had favorable results in recruiting doctors for Orofino. Mrs. Chenoweth contacted Mrs. Curtis saying she will talk with the committee on Aug. 12 as she is flying by private plane to Southern Oregon and can make the stop at the Lexington airport.

She will be coming into Lexington about 3 p.m. and can spend an hour and a half discussing recruitment and hospital management with the committee. Location for the

meeting has not been set but persons interested are asked to contact Mrs. Curtis.

Mrs. Curtis has also been in contact with the Blue Mountain Hospital administrator in John Day concerning the San Francisco recruiting firm he has hired to find a doctor for that hospital. A brochure sent to the committee from the Physician Recruitment Co., Inc., was examined by the committee but filed for future reference, as the cost for such a service is about \$4500. The committee felt other possibilities now available should be utilized.

Dr. L.D. Tibbles reported to the group that he had been visited by three doctors. Another doctor is giving some consideration to Heppner and the committee will contact him.

Plans were made to contact the Oregon Medical School to arrange an October visit by a committee representative, with students in family practice at the school. Nonda

Sunday will organize a committee to put together pictures and information about the hospital facility in Heppner which will accompany the slide series about the county already being prepared.

Judge Paul Jones sent a copy of a letter received from the Northwest Medical Foundation, a Seventh-Day Adventist foundation in Portland which stated that the foundation is not interested in Pioneer Memorial Hospital, but that they were equipped to perform a study of the hospital which would analyze its operations and assess its potential and betterment. The committee did not recommend this particular service to the county court because of the \$3,500 to \$4,500 cost of such a study. Committee members expressed the feeling that it would be difficult to analyze hospital operations currently because of the low hospital load. They suggested that the court might talk with those persons responsible for cert-

ifying the hospital or consult with administrators of small hospitals in other parts of the state if there were concerns on the part of the county court.

A medical planner will be on the East Central Oregon Counties Assn. staff, beginning Aug. 15. He is to help Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties in preparing the necessary requests to the National Health Service Corps for doctors and nurse practitioners. Mark Murray and Liz Curtis were recommended to represent Morrow County in that effort.

The committee will be contacting organizations for donations of money to cover expenses such as costs of putting together promotional materials and sending representatives to talk with medical students. Pat Wright, Lexington, will act as secretary for the group. The committee urged that anyone interested in working on the committee be encouraged to take part.



Architect's drawing of the new Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Bank remodeling begins

Plans for a \$125,000 expansion program for the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner, were approved Monday by Manager Gene Pierce.

Dale Elliott, The Dalles, was named contractor for the remodeling and expansion project. Work is expected to start next week, according to Pierce.

Some of the changes to be made in the bank, aside from the renovated interior, include remodeling of the front of the existing bank, a night depository and a drive-in window on the north side of the bank. Traffic to the drive-in window will

be one-way, with cars entering from Main Street and exiting on Gale Street.

An additional 25x100 feet will be added to the present building on the south side.

All the present windows along the front and north side of the bank will be removed and replaced with a new bronze-type floor-to-ceiling window.

The construction start next week will climax more than a year's effort to get the project under way.

Fire guts 132 acres

A forest fire consumed 132 acres of timber valued at \$14,000 in the Indian Creek area of Umatilla National Forest before being controlled Monday afternoon.

Two hundred and fifty men, including specialized Indian crews from Pendleton, smoke jumpers and a 12-man repelling team from LaGrande, battled the blaze for two days.

Planes from LaGrande and Redmond dropped 25,000 gallons of chemical fire retardant within a four-hour period to aid fire fighters.

Total cost for putting out the blaze is estimated at \$47,000. The fire was first reported at 3 p.m. Sunday to the Heppner Forest Service, and men were on the scene within three hours.

Investigation into the cause of the fire has determined that it started as the results of sparks from construction equipment clearing thinning slash.

Sam Miller, Heppner Forest Service, warned that the fire could have been more serious had it gone unreported, and emphasized that the rapid spread of the fire "shows the critical burning conditions in the area."

Kinzua opens new plywood plant

Kinzua Corporation began production of plywood at its Heppner plant this week.

A completely new sheathing plywood plant with monthly production goals of 12 million feet of 3/4" plywood was constructed at a cost of \$4 million.

One hundred twenty men and women will be employed in the new facility. Total employment at Heppner will reach 300, with an annual payroll in excess of \$3 million.

The 4th construction grade plywood is expected to fill a strong local demand for the

product and building supply yards can call Kent Goodyear at the Heppner plant for sales information.

The new plant was designed to handle small logs, thinnings, and cull material from tree farms in the area. New logging methods assure complete utilization of tree farm products and a substantial increase in annual timber growth will accrue from the improved practices.

An open house for the public will be announced at a later date, at which residents will be able to see and understand the new plywood operation.

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City Council

No housing, no police officer

"I knew housing was tight, but I didn't know it was impossible," Police Chief Dean Gilman told members of the Heppner Common Council Monday night, referring to his continued efforts to locate another police officer for the City of Heppner.

Gilman asked the council if it had any jurisdiction to either purchase an older home for a new police officer or if any member of the council knew of any rentals. "It is useless to continue looking for another officer, if no housing is available," Gilman continued. He told the council that he located an older home 26 miles from Heppner for a new officer, but the owner changed his mind when he discovered his new tenant was to be a police officer for the City of Heppner.

When Gilman was asked by the council if his department would have the required personnel during the fair and rodeo, Gilman said Oregon State Police would help the city as it has in the past, although all law enforcement agencies are shorthanded.

In other business to come before the council, Mayor Jerry Sweeney proposed a method of streamlining the meetings by discontinuing the reading of minutes of the previous meeting and dispensing with the reading of bills payable. In an effort to speed up the meetings, Sweeney suggested Recorder Marshall Lovgren mail each council member a copy of the previous month's minutes as well as a copy of the monthly bills prior to the regular meeting. Sweeney said this would expedite the meeting and permit the council to attend to other matters rather than review the bills and listen to minutes of the previous meeting.

The council agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes, but remained firm on reviewing the bills.

The council approved building permits with the stipulation that they would be presented to a building committee for the purpose of meeting flood control requirements.

Permits approved are as follows: Request from Dean Teel for a permanent variance to erect a mobile home on a foundation rather than apply for a temporary permit every three months; Addition of a kitchen to a residence at 335 August St., belonging to

Feida Majeske; approved the addition for the Bank of Eastern Oregon; approved a permit for Howard Cleveland, 620 Alfalfa St., for two buildings totaling \$30,000; approved a building permit for Ray Grace, 760 N. Shobe, to remove an older home and construct a duplex. During construction Grace received approval from the council to place a trailer home on the property with the stipulation that upon completion of the

duplex the trailer would be removed from the property.

Approved a temporary permit for Umatilla Redi-Mix, which will be located on the property of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Most of the permits approved by the council will not require water or sewer connections.

City Attorney Robert Abrams notified the council

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The dam clears senate

Willow Creek Dam cleared one more hurdle in its 40-odd year fight for existence last week when the U.S. Senate cleared it on a voice vote.

The matter now goes on to the House of Representatives, where Rep. Al Ullman is expected to push strongly for approval.

Ullman's bill would permit the U.S. Corps of Engineers to spend funds appropriated for the project last year, which were impounded when the purpose of the dam was changed and reauthorization of the project was ordered by the Corps of Engineers.

County to participate in U. S. Bi-centennial

Twenty citizens participated in a recent meeting at the Morrow County Courthouse to plan for Morrow County's participation in the nation's 200th birthday.

Marlene Peterson, Bi-centennial chairman, and Morrow County Judge Paul Jones told the interested persons the State of Oregon's official tie to the national celebration will be the famed Lewis and Clark Expedition Trail, which follows along the northern edge of Morrow County. The State Historical Society's first official commemoration, the Captain Cook Exhibit, is now at its Portland headquarters.

Mrs. Peterson said that in order for any group to qualify for Bi-centennial certification, plans must be submitted showing there will be participation in three various phases; the heritage phase,

which emphasizes the historic background of the civic unit; a festival phase, which will give present-day recognition to involvement in the national theme; and the horizon phase, the carrying out of historical research.

The formation of a county historical society could play an important role in the horizon phase, as continued historic research, the marking improving and maintaining of historic sites, along with continued support and the enlargement of the county museum, could involve both the heritage and horizon phases.

Leaders chosen for the three-phase sub-committees are: Heritage, Rachel Harnett and Delpha Jones; Festival, Roger Ford; Horizon, Ned Clark. These persons will set up meetings, recruit committee members and begin

plans for each phase.

Judge Jones offered to work on financial arrangements, while Jim Bier, Don Cole and Jane Rawlins will be active in the youth and school participation program, with Justine Weatherford coordinating publicity.

All county, city and state officials who attended the meeting indicated willingness to support the bi-centennial.

Everyone in the county is urged to support the "Spirit of '76," and to sign up for active participation in one of the

New hours for Heppner clinic

In the interim between David Mitchum's leaving and the hiring of a new mental health director, the clinic office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, 8:30 to 12 noon. This will become ef-

fective Aug. 8.

LaVon Wilson, Umatilla Mental Health Clinic director, will be coming over each Wednesday beginning Aug. 7. Tentative hours for him will be 1 to 5 p.m., but will increase if a need is shown.

There will be another meeting of the bi-centennial sub-committees, open to the public, Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the courthouse.

Three phases, Mrs. Peterson said.

Registrations may be made at the following places, Peterson's Jewelers, the library and museum. In the northern part of the county interested persons should contact Gene Trumbull or Roger Ford, Boardman, or Marge Shade, Irrigon.



Men and machinery rush the wheat harvest on a farm between Lexington and Hermiston, a familiar scene all over Eastern Oregon these days.

Maureen McElligott, 'Outstanding' woman

Maureen McElligott, lone, was recently nominated the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1974 from Oregon.

The Outstanding Young Women of America program recognizes the achievements and abilities of women between the ages of 21-35, and these women are honored for their outstanding civic and professional contributions to the community, state and nation. They are nominated by women's organizations, churches, alumni associations and individuals throughout the country who have firsthand knowledge of their abilities and achievements.

Maureen, 23, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McElligott, lone, and is presently teaching social studies and physical education at Paisley High School.

She graduated with the class of 1968, from Lone High School and attended the University of Portland, graduating in 1972. During the summer months she works at the Lone Swimming Pool as manager, a position she has held for the past five years.

She also has credentials from the Red Cross as a safety instructor.

This fall, 51 of the young women nominated for the Young Women of America program, one from each state and the District of Columbia,

will be named as their state's Outstanding Young Woman of the year. From the 51 state winners, the national Ten Outstanding Young Women of America of 1974 will be selected. These national winners will be presented at a special awards ceremony to be held this fall in Washington, D.C.

The McElligott family was notified of the nomination by the Gazette-Times last week. None of them were aware that the honor had been conferred, and didn't know which organization had made the nomination. Apparently Miss McElligott is the only woman to represent Oregon in the final selection.



MAUREEN McELLIOTT