

# Recruiter hired to find doctor

Friday evening the Doctors' Search Committee engaged a recruiter to find a doctor for the Heppner area and have collected \$1,000 toward its goal of \$3,000.

Mrs. Helen Chenoweth, Orofino, Idaho, was hired by the committee and will meet with the committee and the general public at a meeting tentatively set for Monday, Sept. 23, at the courthouse at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Chenoweth met with the committee in August. Since that time the committee has been researching her

credentials. She is the business manager for the Northside Medical Clinic in Orofino but has successfully recruited doctors for small towns. She has a strong business background and has set up the business portion of the two medical clinics in Orofino. Her husband is a lawyer.

Those doctors whom Mrs. Chenoweth has recruited expressed satisfaction to the committee with her method of recruiting. They felt she made every effort to match the community with the doctor.

For this reason she will be in Heppner to become acquainted with the community.

The drive to raise \$3,000 will continue until the goal is reached. The committee is looking into other avenues of recruiting doctors. Two possibilities are the University of Oregon Medical School and Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Certificates of appreciation, in the amounts of \$5, \$10, \$25 are on sale at First National Bank, Peterson's Jewelry, Murray's Drug and the Bank of Eastern Oregon in

Heppner; Del's Market in Lexington and Bristow's Market in Ione.

Two members of the committee met with the county judges of Gilliam and Wheeler counties and other representatives Thursday night in Condon. Gilliam and Wheeler counties expressed willingness to cooperate in the three-county plan of locating nurse-practitioners for their areas who would work through Heppner based doctors. Application for a medical team will be made by the

three counties with the National Health Service Corps. The expressed feeling of the three counties is that they don't want to use National Health Service Corps personnel, but if all else fails, this approach will provide interim doctors for the area. The necessary applications are now being made to meet an Oct. 1 deadline.

The Doctors' Search Committee met Sept. 17, to elect officers, approve by-laws and make further plans for reaching the \$3,000 goal.



Rodeo Princess Mickey Hoskins, who recently said, "I'll never have another summer like this one," will probably never have another summer like the next one. Perky Mickey has been chosen 1975 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen. "It has to be a joke," she said when notified of her selection. Now that the rodeo board has ruled to permit princesses of the court to wear their hair at a uniform style and length instead of having to have it cut short as in past years, Mickey believes (and hopes) more girls will show up for the tryouts this coming Sunday.

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### Morrow County School Board

## Enrollment, costs, mounting

Auditor Fred Witherell of Pendleton presented the annual auditor's report to the Morrow County School Board Monday evening.

Witherell reported that all records and reports are in good condition, and suggested to the board that it consider budgeting more of the cash carry-over balance this next year.

The board considered the two-point request of a Heppner High School student. The parents of the student have moved out of the district, and the student was petitioning the board to be allowed to finish high school in Heppner as a non-resident student. He also requested that he be allowed to attend school on a half-day basis so that he could work.

After reviewing the requests the board decided to admit him as a non-resident student providing he (1) attend school on a full time basis, (2) live with responsible adults and (3) maintain acceptable conduct and academic achievement.

District Superintendent Matt Doherty reported on the increased enrollment

throughout the district. Current enrollment figures show 1293 students attending school in the county, an increase of almost 90 students over last year's figures. Doherty reported that the increase is evenly spread throughout the county.

Twelve teachers completed enough credits during the summer to qualify for salary adjustments. The board approved salary increases for Karen Beck, Virginia Lieberz, Marvin Peterson, Cathy Terney, Inez Erwin, Steve Brownfield, Charles Endicott, Duane Neiffer, Walter Pilgrim, Connie Clough, Mike Wetherell and Vic Marchek.

Rising costs of buses prompted the board to vote to bid on 1974 models rather than 1975 model buses this year. Cost breakdowns presented to the board showed 1975 models of one 30-passenger bus and one 66-passenger bus to cost a total of \$3300 more than the amount budgeted for in the 1974-75 budget.

The board voted in favor of allowing a bus stop inside Heppner city limits at the junction of Riverside and

Morgan streets. Parents living in the vicinity of Pettyjohn's Hardware and the gasoline storage tanks had made the request to the school principals because of the hazardous conditions and lack of sidewalks in that area. The bus making this stop will have already delivered students to the high school and will be making the loop back to the elementary school.

Leon Hamilton was awarded a contract for the Clark's Canyon run after he submitted a quotation to the board. Bert Corbin was approved as a bus driver to replace Forest Godin, who resigned.

Robert Kaltwasser was approved as the assistant football coach for junior high students at Riverside School. A total of 32 students are out for junior high football at that school, necessitating assistance for the coach.

A request for a letter from the board, expressing need for more doctors in the area was approved. The request was made by the Doctors' Search Committee. The letter will accompany the application for

medical personnel being made to the National Health Service Corps.

Don Bennett and Burrell Cooley were approved as members of the budget committee. Barbara Hug was appointed to replace Allan Akesson on the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee until the next election.

The annual field trip list was submitted and approved. A special request by Riverside School was also approved. This one-time request was for a trip to Spokane to the World's Fair. The money for the trip would come from the existing field trip budget. Principal Dan Daltoso told the board that only eight of the 81 students who would make the trip have seen the World's Fair.

The budget calendar was approved. Salary bargaining is scheduled for October and November with final agreement no later than Jan. 14. Budget meetings will be held in January and February. The final filing date for persons wishing to run for board of

director positions is Feb. 21. The public budget hearing is slated for March 4. On March 18 the election of directors and vote on the amount over the 6 per cent limitation will be held.

The October board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21 at A. C. Houghton school in Irrigon. Dr. Ken Erickson, University of Oregon, will present a report of the long range facility needs study made of the district to members of the board and the Long-Range Planning Committee. The presentation of the report will be made at 7 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting.

The District Office has requested that any one interested in being a substitute teacher, who is not already registered with the district to contact the Lexington office. To qualify to substitute, a person must hold a valid teaching certificate and make application for an Oregon Substitute's Certificate. Application for this certificate needs to be made through the district office.

## Plan to irrigate from Columbia

The North Morrow Preliminary Irrigation Study, which involves Columbia River water for farm irrigation, is completed, according to Ken Turner, chairman of the Morrow Irrigation Steer-

ing Committee that has been pursuing the plan. The full report will be presented Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Lexington Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m. for all interested persons.

Forty-eight out of a possible 62 farmers and ranchers in the feasibility area have given financial support to preparation of the study.

Seven alternative ways of bringing Columbia River water south to 154,000 acres of potentially irrigable land has been studied. The seven alternatives include several project sizes, elevations, pumping sites, and combinations of each.

Economic analysis is included and will be discussed by Bud Bartell of the State Engineer's team. Income potential of different crops adapted to the area show some of the project alternatives to be feasible.

Ken Kuedell, Farm Home Administration state director, will be present to explain long-term financing possibilities.

A brief program report on the Morrow District Improvement Company will be given. Herman Winter, attorney, has completed the articles of incorporation and they are ready for review.

This preliminary engineer's study is a giant step towards determining the feasibility of Oregon's largest irrigation project, Turner said.

## Near-record wheat harvest nears end

Morrow County wheat farmers will harvest a near-record crop for 1974. That doesn't necessarily mean more bread on American tables.

Ninety per cent of all wheat grown in Eastern Oregon is exported, according to Larry Mills of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Although Oregon is going to have perhaps the greatest wheat production in its history this year, close to 50 million bushels, Oregon Director of Agriculture Irvin Mann says "Reports of a surplus wheat crop tend to give consumers a false hope of improved food prices. Such reports are entirely premature."

Current wheat prices are ranging between \$4 and \$5 per bushel. Last year's prices topped \$6 per bushel. Many farmers are holding grain off the market hoping to better

the price.

According to Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Bureau figures, more than 164,000 acres of wheat are planted in Morrow County. Yields have varied markedly from over 50 bushels per acre in the Butter Creek area to as little as 12 bushels per acre near Cecil.

Spring wheat seems to have suffered the most due to hot weather in June, but the fall seeded crop, at higher elevations, has done well.

Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension Agent, speculates that wheat will be the chief source of farm income, overtaking potatoes for the first time in many years in Morrow County.

The total production figures for this year's harvest will be compiled by the Extension Service next week.

## Assessors elect Joyce Bergstrom

Oregon State Assessors elected Morrow County Assessor Joyce Bergstrom as secretary-treasurer at their annual convention, Sept. 9-11, at Gold Beach.

More than 200 people attended the conference where 34 of Oregon's 36 counties were represented.

Mrs. Bergstrom said the conference focused on new and proposed state legislation that would regulate assessors and assessment practices.

Changes in local budget law were explained by George Annala, manager of the Oregon Tax Research group. State Senator Victor Atiyeh, candidate for governor, spoke

in favor of proposed legislation that would establish qualifications for county assessors.

Among the proposed qualifications for office would be that the candidate be a certified appraiser or appraiser trainee and have two years of office and accounting experience, including experience in office management activities; or two years full-time employment in the office of a county assessor.

Speaking of her election, Mrs. Bergstrom said, "I would someday like to be president of the association. This is a first step."

## Welcome to our town!

The City of Heppner will turn out Tuesday evening, Oct. 1, to welcome newcomers who have moved here within the past six months. New teachers to the area are included.

The Welcome Night will be held at Heppner High School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Heppner merchants will have displays to acquaint newcomers with their types of goods and services. Firms wishing to reserve space should contact Mrs. Daisy Collins, chairman of the committee, who is cooperating with the Soroptimist Club, Ministerial Association and the Chamber of Commerce in welcoming newcomers.

### Coach Starr:

## 'Little experience hurts Mustangs'

Chuck Starr, head football coach of the Heppner Mustangs, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

"The Mustangs have 47 suits checked out to the boys but we have only nine returning lettermen this season," said Starr. "and of these, 11 are

seniors, whom the boys look to for experience, as they are the backbone of the team."

"The remainder of the team is composed of 14 juniors, 9 sophomores and 13 freshman, and we are lacking in experience at the varsity level," said Starr.

Starr was critical of last

Friday's game against Union. "The Mustangs were able to win the game by a 7-6 score, but the boys were not happy with the win." "We started out moving the ball. Then we tried to establish a passing attack that just didn't work. Whether it was a case of first game jitters or not we made our share of errors."

As to other teams in the Columbia Basin League Starr said, Sherman County had a good junior varsity team last year, and should be in the top group at the end of this season. Weston-McEwen looks good and is a strong team. Condon was beaten by a tough AA team last Friday but they could also finish among the top contenders.

The Mustangs can play ball with any of these teams and hold their own, once we iron out some of the rough spots and make some changes if necessary, said Starr.

He said Mustangs have speed and depth, but expect a tough game Friday when the squad goes to John Day to meet Grant Union.

In other business to come before the Chamber, President Jim Bier announced that nearly \$1,000 has been collected to help locate a doctor for Heppner.

Dave Barnett, Ione, will be guest speaker at the next meeting, and he will show slides of pioneers of the Heppner area.

The slides date back to the early 1860s. Barnett is attempting to identify some of the early pioneers.

Deadline for candidates to file for positions on the City Council is Oct. 4, 5 p.m.

## Richards, Gilbert win scholarships

Karen Richards, Irrigon, and Kathy Gilbert, Ione, were chosen by the awards committee as recipients each of a \$200 John W. Graves Memorial Scholarship.

The Graves trust fund was established in the memory of the late John Graves, and is for the financial assistance of 4-H students of Morrow County to attend college, junior college, university or any type of education beyond the high school level.

One of the requirements is that senior 4-H members shall have been a member in good standing three years prior to graduation and that they are not the recipient of other 4-H scholarship awards.

In her letter to the committee, Kathy Gilbert stated that she is "currently enrolled for the 74-75 semester at Eastern Oregon State College, where I plan to major in agriculture. I plan on attending Eastern Oregon for one to two years and then transfer to Oregon State where I would like to get my degree in agriculture. My nine years of 4-H has helped me decide on a career in agriculture."

Her greatest achievement

has been in the 4-H swine project, and the past year Karen was selected as a state finalist in the swine program. She plans to attend the 4-H National Congress at Chicago, Ill., in November to vie for a \$700 scholarship.

In her letter to the committee, Kathy Gilbert stated, "Having graduated from Ione High School this May, I plan to attend Blue Mountain Community College where I will major in accounting. During my nine years in 4-H, I have received a Consumer Education Award, Style ReVue Award, food and Nutrition Award, Bread Award and Clothing Awards. I have also received championship and reserve championship awards for my projects at the fair."

"4-H has benefited me in several ways. Because of what I had learned in my horse project I was able to try out and show myself well enough to be selected as a princess on the 1973 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court. "Because of what 4-H has taught me, I feel that it is something that every youngster should have a chance to participate in."



A llama? In Morrow County? Yup. This pet llama (his mate and children) has a home at Wright's Country Store at Ruggs where he is billeted with other animals, including buffalo. The South American llama is used as a beast of burden, for its wool (alpaca), milk and meat. The llama will carry from 60 to 120 pounds, but overload it and it lies down and refuses to budge. Anger it and it spits up unchewed food from its stomach into the enemy's face. But here the llama gives a kiss to Wayne LaGrove of Heppner. Harold Wright is the owner.

## Reo Russell claimed

Services for Reo J. Russell, 75, Lexington, who died Sept. 11, were held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Clatskanie, Ore., with burial at Murray Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Russell was born July 5, 1899, at Ithaca, Mich. He moved to Lexington two years ago from Westport, Ore., and retired at his home there after working for 17 years as a butcher for Fred Meyer in

Portland. He was married to Jeanetta Lindberg, Nov. 20, 1960, at Stevenson, Va. Besides the widow, he is survived by two sons, Wendell of Portland and Ronald of Sacramento, Ca.; two step-sons, Floyd Lindberg, Clatskanie, and Charles Lindberg, St. Helens; a step-daughter, Marlene Westlund, Clatskanie; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.