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Doctor search hits a snag

The board of directors of the Doctors' Search Committee found itself faced with problems at its Nov. 5 meeting—all seven doctors on the list submitted by recruiter Helen Chenoweth have one and a half to two and a half years of training left before they can start a practice.

The committee had been under the understanding that those contacted by Mrs. Chenoweth would be in their third year of residency. In telephone conversation with Mrs. Chenoweth, the committee was informed that her past experience had been that third year men were not committed in the fall; however, to her surprise she found that this year they already were.

One doctor on the list indicated that he would be interested in starting a practice in July, which would

be the end of his second year. Doctors are not required to take residency, the committee learned, nor to complete it although most do complete it and they are more fully prepared if they do.

The board decided to contact by phone the first two men on the list. One of these is the doctor who indicated he might leave his residency. The purpose of the calls is to determine how sincere the men are about the area and possibly leave residency. The committee expressed concern that some of the men might be interested only in a free trip and the committee didn't wish to waste money in this manner. The others on the list will be contacted by letter expressing the committee's interest in them and informing them that they will be contacted this summer. It was further learned that a local

rancher and his wife will be attending a convention in Lexington, Ky., in the near future and have volunteered to visit personally with the two doctors on the list from Wichita, Kans.

The board said it would keep in contact with the doctors on Mrs. Chenoweth's list, but they felt it necessary to pursue several other directions.

The board sent a letter to the Seventh-Day Adventist Foundation in Portland requesting more information about the kinds of assistance it could offer in locating doctors. Follow-up material has been sent to those men indicating interest to Don Cole and Harold Kerr when they were in Portland. Kerr plans to visit with one of these doctors when he is in Corvallis. Contact will be attempted with the hospitals in Spokane.

The Doctors' Search Committee will be given a tour of the facilities at Pioneer Memorial Hospital at its next meeting, Nov. 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Because several members have and will be doing doctor recruiting the board of directors thought it would be a good idea for the members to learn more about the facility. Pat Wright, R.N., a member of the board of directors, and hospital administrator Ilene Wyman will conduct the tour.

The regular business meeting will follow in the solarium of the hospital. The board urges all interested persons to attend the tour and meeting. Any person holding a Certificate of Appreciation from the

committee is automatically a member of the Doctors' Search Committee.

Business cards for the committee and promotional hand-out materials are available. The committee is urging anyone who would be traveling out of the country, especially to attend any kind of convention, to pick up some literature to distribute wherever they go. The materials are available from Mark Murray at Murray's Drug in Heppner.

The handout consist of the Chamber of Commerce brochure with a one-page insert enclosed which describes the tri-county medical service area of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Fine, jail for shooting cow

There's a 21-year-old youth in Umatilla County Jail wondering if it pays to tell the truth.

He's James Ronald Stipe of Primeville, who was convicted in Heppner Justice Court last Thursday of shooting and killing a cow belonging to Terry Thompson, and was fined \$605, given 30 days in jail (25 of which were suspended) and had his hunting rights suspended for three years.

This, in spite of the fact that Stipe and his father had paid the cow's owner an agreed price of \$200 for the animal, and the owner had salvaged the meat for his frozen food locker.

The incident took place the previous Tuesday when young Stipe was on an elk hunt with his father in Umatilla National Forest. The youth came to Heppner to make some store purchases, and on the way back he fired at a cow and killed her. He fled the scene, but not before a workman witnessed the shooting. Oregon State Police arrested the son, who admitted the crime, and the two paid Thompson for the loss of the cow.

In justice court, the district attorney emphasized that full restitution for the cow had been made, that this was the youth's first offense, that the owner of the cow did not want to press any charges against him, and that he would favor reducing the charges from a felony to a misdemeanor.

The youth had been persuaded by his father to fully confess his crime. There was no request for a jury trial. Stipe pleaded guilty, saying "I don't have much to say. There is no excuse for what I did, so I have no defense for what I did."

Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor's reply was that "I can't be sympathetic with anyone that shoots a cow," and pronounced the sentence.

A Morrow County law officer told the father afterward that "you're lucky he didn't get six months in jail."

This sentence seems disproportionate when compared with the fines given three Portland men on Nov. 3 for illegal possession of a deer. The trio appeared before Judge O'Connor and were fined \$75 each.

Stipe's illegal shooting cost him \$200 as reimbursement to the owner of the cow, \$605 for a fine, plus a five-day jail sentence that could follow him for the rest of his life.

Elgin didn't run; elected anyway!

Mayor Chester Wilson and Councilwoman Dorothy Irish were reelected to the Irrigon City Council by voters last Tuesday, as was write-in candidate Bill Cooley with 11 votes.

Wilson received 61 votes and Irish 56. There were 14 write-in votes for municipal judge after Vestie Elgin decided not to seek reelection. However, Elgin received six write-in votes while Don Adams and Vern Christensen each received four. This dilemma has not been resolved.

The quarterfinal playoff game between Heppner and Pine Eagle Halfway, will be broadcast live Saturday, 12:45 p.m., on Radio Station KUMA, Pendleton.

KINZUA WILL REOPEN MONDAY

Kinzua Corporation will reopen Monday, Nov. 18, as officials said would be the case when they shut down last month.

The new boiler was tested yesterday, and no problems are anticipated.

Most workmen have reported in before the deadline, and there will be three shifts running in all departments except the plywood mill, which has always utilized two shifts of workmen.

Mystery Personality

200 identify Bruce Young

More than 200 persons entered the Mystery Personality contest last week.

And most of them make the Gazette-Times' contest editor look pretty silly. All 200 of the entrants came up with the correct name of the mystery person, Bruce Young, which means the editor is going to have to tighten up the clues a bit to make the contest more interesting.

The first correct answer drawn out of the box at Peterson's Jewelry at 5 p.m. Friday was that of Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen of Ione. Her name was drawn by Ron Currin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Currin Sr.

While everybody identified Bruce Young, there was disagreement as to how many clues existed. Guesses ranged from a low of 5 to a high of 23. The correct number was 16. Mrs. Halvorsen's guess was 15 clues, so she did not win the \$750 jackpot for listing the correct number of clues. The \$750 which was not won last week will be carried over to this week. If the mystery person is correctly identified by a contestant who also lists the correct number of clues, he or she will win \$20 for identifying the mystery personality plus \$15 for having listed the correct number of clues leading to his identity. If the jackpot is missed again this week, \$15 will be added to next week's jackpot, or a total of \$22.50.

Readers are advised to re-read the rules of the contest. Many entrants listed all the clues, which is not necessary. Just provide the total number of clues listed among the advertisements for that issue. Example: "Bruce Young, 16 clues" (followed by contestant's name, address and phone number). Had Mrs. Halvorsen submitted her solution in that manner she would have received her \$20 for identifying the personage and an additional \$7.50 for guessing the correct number of clues.

The box will be at the address of the sponsoring merchant whose ad in the list of contest sponsors is heavily bordered. The box changes

'Don't eat alone'

Some of the families of All Saints Episcopal Church have decided to cook their Thanksgiving birds at the parish hall this year, and are inviting all lonely persons in the community to have dinner with them.

The affair is for those who cannot be with their families for the holiday because of the distance or other reasons.

"Just don't eat alone on Thanksgiving Day," a spokesman said.

The dinner will be served Thursday, Nov. 28, 3 p.m., at the parish hall on Gale Street. All that is required is a call for reservations to 676-5534 or 676-9496. Food trays will also be delivered to shut-ins that day.



Ken Belcher, manager of the First National Bank, has been named chairman of the Morrow County Rodeo Board. He will take over his duties on Jan. 1, 1975, for a three-year term.

New council confirmed

Building permit policy adopted

The Heppner Common Council met Thursday night to canvass the ballots for the city's Nov. 5 election.

The results of the election accepted by the council for mayor, Jerry Sweeney 405, with 18 write-ins for persons other than Sweeney.

Councilmen elected to a four-year term are Bob Jones 429, Jim Rogers 367 and Leticia Martin 312. There were 23 write-ins for the four-year term.

In the position for councilman for a two-year term, Ernie Ceresa won the post against Rita Hedman, who campaigned as a write-in. The final tabulation was Ceresa 261, Hedman 95, and six write-ins.

The council approved a building permit for repairs to cost \$4,000 for Robert Jones.

Councilman Jones asked if any action were to be taken regarding the expiration of building permits that have been issued in the past without any construction having been started.

Many of the permits issued for construction at the start of the year were "good" indefinitely; however, later in the year city council passed an ordinance limiting the start of construction to 45 days. The council defined the start of

construction as the completion of the foundation in the construction of a new dwelling, and proposes to extend the time limit from 45 days to 60 days.

This would prevent persons from obtaining permits now in hope of building in the future.

The council agreed to send notices to all expired building permit holders notifying them that building construction cannot be started at this late date. Included in these expired building permit holders would be Kinzua Corporation for some of the homes in Evergreen Terrace, which have not been started.

They will now have to apply for new building permits for any new construction, plus payment of an additional fee for all building inspections.

Although the City of Heppner was reluctant to adopt state regulations for building inspections within the city, the council feels that all buildings should be inspected for the protection of the buyer as well as the builder.

The construction of the homes in Evergreen Terrace have recently been inspected by City Engineer Steve Anderson and they all meet the State Code. He will work on inspections until the city

has a building inspector of its own.

With the issuance of a permit, builders in the future will also pay a fee for building inspector's salary. The common council plans to hold a special meeting to adopt these ordinances in the near future.

Medical personnel approved

Cong. Al Ullman told the Gazette-Times Friday that the U.S. Public Health Service has approved the application of Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties for medical personnel of the National Health Service Corps.

Although the two medical doctors and three nurse practitioners will not be placed immediately, the Health Service Corps is stepping up its recruiting efforts. Ullman said.

Inter-Agency reviews county activities

The Inter-Agency Committee reviewed the now completed script for the slide-tape program about Morrow County at its Tuesday noon luncheon at the Elks Club in Heppner.

The script, written by Jane Rawlins, Leese Martin and Liz Curtis, must have slides found or taken to fit it. The committee urged that anyone who has good slides of the county contact Mike Howell at the Extension Office.

Monica Swanson, director of the Child Development Center, reported to the group on progress of the center. To date about 17 children are attending but the center is certified for 30 and it needs more children in order to remain open. She said children may be left there for just a few hours. Volunteers who can spend two or so hours reading

stories and paying special attention to the children are needed also.

The center, located in the Seventh-day Adventist Church auditorium, provides more than a babysitting service for children. The staff, Mrs. Swanson pointed out, works to provide educational opportunities for children. Anyone is encouraged to stop by and visit the center.

More items are needed by the center: baby furniture, blankets, towels, sheets, left-over non-toxic paint, old carpeting, playground equipment, safe, durable toys and Formica remnants. She said Hal Whitaker and students in FFA had donated many hours to build partitions and other things for the center.

The group decided to cancel the December meeting and meet again on the second

Tuesday in January.

Several activities are going on in the county. Nov. 30 will be a big day with the Farm-City Banquet at noon. Stafford Hansell will be the featured speaker. The Cow-Belles and Livestock Growers will hold their annual meetings following the dinner. In the evening the Soroptimists will hold their annual Turkey Hop dance at the pavilion on the fairgrounds. Music will be by Ackley and Greenup.

Liz Curtis reported that the status of the Doctors' Search Committee is "more encouraging." Dr. John Green, one of the doctors visited by the recruiter, Helen Chenoweth, will be flown out to visit Heppner sometime in the next two months. Dr. Green has indicated a desire to set up practice in July of 1975, which will be at the end of his school

year in residency. He served his preceptorship under Dr. Buhl in Fossil last summer. Reports from Dr. Buhl and Judge Leckie in Fossil, give Dr. Green a favorable recommendation. He is currently serving his residency in Albuquerque, New Mex. He is married and has one child. He is from Idaho and his parents reside in Ellensburg, Wa.

Pat Wright was notified by Senator Packwood's office that the committee's application to the National Health Service Corps for two doctors and three nurse practitioners has been approved. This does not mean that this many people would be sent to the area if they cannot be found, but approval has been granted, according to Packwood's office.

Justine Weatherford reported that several old movie

films, taken in the 20s and 30s, by Elaine George's father, have been sent to the Oregon Historical Society. They are of the jack rabbit round-up, the fair and rodeo, a rodeo at Ukiah and a local talent show, according to Mrs. Weatherford. The films will become the property of the state society but may be loaned back to the local area at any time. The state society is converting the films to be shown on modern equipment.

The Episcopal Church plans to put on a free dinner at 3 p.m. Thanksgiving Day for those in the area who have no place to go on Thanksgiving.

Pat Brindle of the Neighborhood Center reported that the center will be carrying out activities weekly at the nursing home. Wednesday will be craft day. On Thursdays the

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Ron Currin draws a name...



Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen draws a check.