

### Colorful citizen

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church for Frank W. Turner, 88, one of the county's most prominent citizens.

Mr. Turner died Nov. 16 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 22, 1885 in Sand Hollow, the first of seven sons and one daughter of Robert Willis Turner and Mary May Shephard, pioneer farmers in that area. Frank attended Heppner schools and Northwestern Business College in Portland, returning permanently to Morrow County in 1907.

He married Lillian Cochran, Dec. 15, 1909. After a brief farming venture which was terminated by the disastrous cyclone of June 1916, they moved into Heppner where Mr. Turner lived until his death.

Three children were born to the couple, Robert V. Turner, Walnut Creek, Ca., Jeanette Huddleston, Valdez, Alaska, and Anabel Allison, Portland, all of whom survive.

Mr. Turner pursued the general insurance and real



FRANK W. TURNER

## Frank Turner dies at 88

estate business as his principal venture until 1970. He was founder of the Turner, VanMarter & Bryant Agency. During his late 60s and 70s many friends and strangers remarked about his close physical resemblance to former U.S. President Harry S. Truman.

During his youth, Frank was considered to be a superior sheep shearer. He operated a contract sheep shearing crew for many years. He also operated several wheat farming ventures from time to time, but depended primarily on his insurance and real estate business. During the decades between 1940 and 1960 he brought two additional members into the firm, LaVerne VanMarter Jr. and Howard Bryant, to achieve a well-balanced and successful business.

Mrs. Lillian C. Turner died March 1, 1947. Frank Turner and Mrs. Grace Cleveland, Heppner, were married

March 27, 1950. Mrs. Grace Turner died on Nov. 25, 1962.

Mr. Turner was active in civic and fraternal affairs. He was an associate founder of the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and an Exalted Ruler of the Elks, B.P.O.E., 358. He was an early member of the Lion's Club. From time to time he occupied nearly every official position in these and other organizations. He was a sports enthusiast, a land, energy and wildlife conservationist, and a "defensible manager" of these types of activities. His early activities with the management and promotion of the Heppner Rodeo were widely known.

He maintained a keen interest in the welfare of his fellowmen, either by deed or donation, both of which were considerable during his long and active life.

Burial was in Heppner's Masonic Cemetery. Memorial services at Heppner's First

Christian Church were conducted by Rev. Gus Nikander. Ritualistic procedures were conducted by his fellow Elks.

Sacred selections, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "No Night There," were sung by Carl and Betty Marquardt, with Kathryn Hoskins as organist. Casket bearers were Randall Peterson, Herman Winter, Harry O'Donnell, LeRoy Gardner, Gene Pierce and Dr. L.D. Tibbles. Honorary bearers were Alva Jones, Earl Gilliam, Oscar Peterson, LaVerne VanMarter Sr., Ray Ferguson and Emile Groshens.

Survivors are: a sister, Anita May LaDusire, Eugene; a brother, J.W. Turner, Baker; his son and two daughters; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Also well known here are his two nephews, Donald E. Turner, Eugene, and Kenneth Turner, Sand Hollow, and a niece, Jean Runnion, Pendleton.

### School board results

## Kindergarten busing problem unresolved

The Morrow County School Board spread its business over three hours at Monday night's meeting at Riverside School in Boardman.

The noon busing of kindergarten children in the Boardman area was brought to the floor again. Don McElligott, who opposed the plan at the October meeting, revived the issue. After an hour of debate the situation remained unresolved and was tabled for lack of seconds to a majority of the motions proposed.

In October the board approved a motion allowing a school bus and driver to transport Boardman kindergarten students from Irrigon to a central drop off point in Boardman at the close of the morning kindergarten session. The parent group in Boardman was to collect the

fee from the parents each month and make payment to the school board one month in advance. The board's transportation committee set a fee of 25 cents per mile per day. The plan has been in operation for one month with 11 children riding the bus.

McElligott's first objection was that the transportation committee could not set a charge. His policy motion that the board not give blanket authorization to committees to expend funds and that all recommendations concerning the expenditure of funds must be reviewed by the board passed.

Argument then centered around two points: one, should the noon busing of children to Boardman become an item on next year's budget; and two, if a bus were made available in

the Boardman area with parents paying the cost, should other areas of the county be given the same opportunity? Further questions came up as to who decided what children could ride that bus. Did the parent group, as the collection agency, have the say?

Board members Pauline Winter and John Matthews, Deputy Clerk Gail Burkenbine and Superintendent Matt Doherty reported on the Oregon School Boards Association meeting in Portland, which they attended. Dues for the district to belong to the association were raised from \$500 annually to \$1200 annually. The board feels they must belong because of the legislative program carried out by the association. John Matthews stressed that the local

board should review the issues to be brought up before representatives attend the state meeting.

Doherty reported on Oregon's new conflict of interest law and how it will affect local boards. It appeared, he reported, that the financial report did not apply to the local board.

Doherty reported that House Bill 2444, which requires that all school districts in Oregon provide education for all handicapped children including the trainable mentally retarded, is being met in various ways in Eastern Oregon. He asked for board authorization to apply for Title I money for a trained aide to tutor these children. He reported that there are two children in the district this year and there will be a third

child next year. Special education is provided in Heppner but at no other point in the county. The children concerned live in outlying areas of the county. The board approved the authorization.

Faculty members, Dean Naffziger, Heppner, Mike Wetherell, Riverside, and Marvin Peterson, Ione, presented a Morrow County work experience implementation plan to the board. An extensive written report was presented to the board outlining the objectives and design of a county-wide work experience program for students administered by an advisory committee composed of faculty, students and community people. The program would provide students with an opportunity to acquire basic

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## Two doctors to survey area

The situation for the Doctors' Search Committee looked more hopeful this past week as members of the board of directors began calling some of the doctors listed on recruiter Helen Chenoweth's list of those interested in the Heppner situation.

Number one doctor on the list, Gary Harper, now studying in Little Rock, Ark., said

that most doctors in the family practice residency program there are not completing their residency. The committee had earlier expressed disappointment over the recruiter's list of interested doctors because there were no men indicating interest who were in their last year of residency.

Harper is interested in looking over the Heppner

area. The committee plans to fly him and his wife to Heppner later in the winter. Harper lived for six years in Stanfield and expressed a desire to return to Oregon to set up a practice, possibly in July of 1975.

Dr. John Green, now in residency in Albuquerque, N.M., and his wife will also be flown to Heppner later in the

winter. Green is married and has one child. He comes highly recommended from both Judge Leckie in Fossil and Doctor Buhl in The Dalles. Green served his preceptorship in Fossil last summer and is familiar with the Heppner area.

Thursday of this week, Mark and Sandy Murray are recruiting at the University of

Oregon Medical School. Wednesday evening they attended a social hour especially for them at the Oregon Medical Association building in Portland. The purpose of the get-together was to give the Oregon Medical Association and interested physicians the opportunity to learn more about the Heppner situation.

## Penland appeal hearing today

An appeal by Lake Penland Corporation on the appraised value of its property will be held today at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse.

The hearing officers will be from the state department of revenue. The cases for Morrow County will be presented by Charlie Patching, appraiser for the county assessor's office.

The Morrow County assessor last year appraised the property at \$71,560 as lake-front recreational property. This figures out to \$12.50 per lake front foot, according to

Joyce Bergstrom, assessor; which was the cost of the bare land before the lake was built, she said in defending the reasonableness of the appraisal. The corporation appealed to the county board of equalization to lower the value to \$29,800 on grounds the property is an incomplete subdivision.

County Judge Paul Jones and Harry O'Donnell, two of the three-member board, disqualified themselves as owners of property in the corporation, and the appeal was taken directly to the state about a year ago.

### Defends self, is convicted

Herschel Jack Conklin was found guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor in justice court Thursday evening.

Conklin was fined \$305 and had his drivers license suspended for 30 days, with the stipulation that he has the right to apply to the State of Oregon for a temporary license, allowing him to drive to and from work.

Conklin was arrested by Heppner City Police. He asked for a jury trial and the right to defend himself, which was granted. The panel of six jurors deliberated 15 minutes before rendering a guilty verdict.

### HHS students support search

The Heppner High School student body, to raise money for the Doctors' Search Committee, will accept donations for a clock-radio to be given away at the Mustangs' first basketball game of the season.

The Mustangs' first game is against John Day, with the JVs playing at 6:30 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 8 o'clock.

The winner will be announced at half time activities.

## Bill Rietmann a \$35 winner!

Bill Rietmann, Ione, won \$35 last week by identifying Sam Miller, head of the U.S. Forest Service office, Heppner, as the Mystery Person.

Rietmann's identification of Sam Miller won him \$20, and his correctly stating the number of clues (8) won him the jackpot of \$15.

Things were a bit tougher for contestants last week when nearly 200 persons identified the Mystery Person. The second week's contest saw people naming just about

everybody in town! Among those who received votes as the Mystery Person were Jerry Sweeney, Bill Weatherford, Paul Hanson, Dennis Martin, Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, Laurie Martin, Chuck Starr, Lowell Gribble, Forrest Burkenbine, Mel Boyer, Cornett Green, Ralph Marlatt, Bill Lande and a dozen others.

In response to many requests the Gazette-Times will publish the list of clues following each week's contest. Last week's clues to the

identity of Sam Miller were: 1. Chaucer wrote a tale ("The Miller's Tale"); 2. "Play it again" (a phrase made famous by movie actor Humphrey Bogart, "Play it again, Sam"); 3. Dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (which is DDT); 4. Look out! (refers to a lookout rangers use to detect fires); 5. Aimuallt (an anagram for Umatilla, the name of the forest Sam Miller works in); 6. When they yell Geron-

imo he's the chief (smoke-jumpers bail out of aircraft; Geronimo is the traditional yell of parachutists as they bail out); 7. Some are so involved looking for clues they can't see it (or, you can't see the "forest" for the "trees"); 8. Timber for farm and home (in the Pettyjohn ad). So, in the eight clues were the Mystery Person's name and occupation. Better luck this week—for \$27.50!



Labekin Fire, 3-year-old mare belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer, Heppner, recently won first place in the Oregon Cow Cutting Horse Associations Futurity held at the C.F. Laughlin Arena, Yamhill, Ore. The mare held here by Mrs. Mary Beamer, was trained and ridden in the Futurity by Bob Mote, Tigard.

## Murder suspect arraigned here

Avelino Padilla Gomez, 38, a Boardman migrant worker charged with the fatal stabbing of Vicente Sayatte Ortiz in Boardman Sunday, was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor's court Tuesday on charges of murder in the first degree.

Gomez, who speaks no English, declined through interpreters to make any statement until a court-appointed defense attorney had been made.

Ortiz died at McKenzie Trailer Park early Sunday as a result of a stab wound in the left side of his chest. Gomez was arrested by Oregon State Police about 7 a.m. Sunday.

Four illegal aliens were held as material witnesses: Ruben Gutierrez Arroyo, 23; Estamilado Murillo Rodriguez, 30; Andres Serrda Sollurio, 33; and Francisco Navarro Garcia, 20.

Police say the stabbing apparently followed an altercation in a trailer occupied by Ortiz and two other men.

Umatilla Deputy Sheriff Jesse Villareal and Bob Cortinas of the Morrow County Juvenile Department, acted as interpreters at Tuesday's arraignment.

Gomez is being held without bail in Umatilla County Jail pending appointment of defense counsel.

### Thanksgiving Eve services

The South Morrow County Ministerial Association has again arranged a community Thanksgiving Eve Service. Everyone is invited to this observance at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the United Methodist Church.

Rev. David Blackaller of All Saints Episcopal Church will deliver the sermon. He will be assisted by Rev. Bill Arthur of Ione's United Church of Christ, by Rev. Forest Godin of The Church of The Nazarene and by Rev. Edwin Cutting of the host church.



Vincent McElligott, Ione, picks a winner in the Who's Who mystery contest. The name chosen by Vincent Friday was that of Bill Rietmann, also of Ione.