

## Court house notes

During a lull Thursday Judge Paul Jones talked a little about the county costs per capita. He was commenting on an article in last week's Gazette-Times pointing out that Morrow County government costs \$611 per capita, well above the average for the state of \$511 per capita. He pointed out that Morrow county needs to maintain more miles of roads per resident than do most counties and that road building and maintenance has increased so much recently. He also mentioned that much of the support of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital has been falling on the county because residents want to keep the hospital here and because it has not been able to meet its own costs.

Jones also explained that the county court had transferred \$5,178 from the county contingency fund to the sheriff's department for three items: \$1800 for additional expense for the sheriff's and deputy's cars; \$2500 for jail costs, which must be paid to Umatilla County for the care of prisoners; and \$878 for tax collection cost, which has increased considerably.

He also announced that the court has granted an easement across county roads to the City of Heppner so that a water line could be extended from the well on Carl Thorpe's to the city limits.

Asked about the matter of the 3,000 pounds of surplus food which the sheriff's office controls and which has been held as an emergency supply for about 10 years, the judge said the court has recommended that the sheriff consult with the State Department of Emergency Services in Salem. The sheriff is to ask for a decision as to what to do with this food, mostly crackers, special biscuits and various carbohydrates. He is also to ask if the state department will be able to replace this food later if an emergency should arise.

At least 25 officials, including the court and County Planner David Moon and Planning Commission Chairman Dorris Graves met Feb. 12 to discuss matters related to the Oregon State Land Conservation and Development Commission. This group will meet again on Feb. 24.

County Juvenile Officer Carolyn Davis was not able to attend the meeting sponsored by the Oregon Juvenile Court Judge's Association at Kah-Nee-Ta resort because of bad road conditions. She says that the state police told her they felt it would be very unwise for her to try to travel between Heppner and Warm Springs.

The juvenile department is meeting with interested youth to talk about the preparation of an annual report on activities in the county during 1974. The Juvenile Advisory Committee will discuss some of the statistical information needed for this report at five meetings. The first of these is set for Feb. 27 in the county office at Irrigon.

The County Health Department is continuing immunization clinics. This department has found in years past that flu epidemics are usually a little slower in reaching the county. In their talks with school people recently they found that more students and teachers were absent at Boardman and Irrigon than at Lone and Heppner. They predict, based on past years, that the illness will reach Lone next and then Heppner, as these

things usually creep south in the county.

The county clerk says only three more dog licenses were sold last week—bringing the number of dogs with 1975 licenses to 13. It seems that there is not much concern any more about the "sheep damage" fund that the licenses provided for. "When there is no enforcement people just don't worry about buying licenses."

The appraiser, Charles Patching, says work in his office is "up to date." Assessor Everett Harshman and his assistant, Doris Flynn, are bracing for the big last-minute rush in personal tax payments. They feel sure they will be swamped about Monday, March 3, D-Day.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wright, Heppner, are the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Michelle, 7 lbs. 12 oz., born Feb. 8, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barnett, Lone.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Pearl Wright, Heppner, Mrs. Esther Havecost, Lone, and Mrs. Hazel Jackson, Kinzua.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Magill, Pendleton, are the parents of a daughter, Stefanie Eileen, 8 lbs. 7 oz., born Feb. 9, at Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Magill, Cecil, and Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson, Heppner.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Eva Robinson and Mrs. Lena Kelly, both of Heppner, and Mrs. Blanche Perkins, San Jose, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Sunday, Heppner, are the parents of a daughter, Danielle Beth, 7 lbs. 3 1/2 oz., born Feb. 11, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Sunday, San Jose, Ca., and Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark, Heppner.

Great grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Kilpatrick, San Jose, Ca., Mrs. Daniel Sunday, Iowa Park, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wright, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Eugene Shorts, Spray, are parents of twin boys, born Feb. 12, 1975 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Jason Lee, born at 8:16 a.m., weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz. James Lee, born at 8:30 a.m., weighed 4 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.

They have a sister at home, Crystal Dawn, 5 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shorts, Cascade Locks, and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Williams, Warm Springs.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Fay Houghtaling, Mabton, Wa., and Mrs. Winnie Poor, Spray.



Some people say that if you laugh before breakfast you'll cry before supper.



BARBARA SHERMAN picks another lone winner, Mrs. Mary Holtz, in last week's Who's Who Contest.

## Mary Holtz a winner

Mrs. Mary Holtz, lone, won \$27.50 last week for identifying Police Chief Dean Gilman as the Mystery Person, and for listing the six clues to his identity.

Last week's clues: King Arthur (member of the Round Table); Aries (born April 20); Nixon ova (he hates eggs); tea-totaler (doesn't drink); loner (wife's a bank loan officer); Watergate (John Dean).

This week's prize is \$20 plus \$7.50 jackpot if the correct number of clues is listed.

## SCS annual meeting at Pilot Rock

All farmers, cooperators, advertisers, interested persons and their families are invited to the annual meeting of the Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District, Feb. 25, at the Community Center in Pilot Rock.

James Mitchell, state conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, Portland, will speak on the work of the Soil Conservation Service.

Stan Christenson, NACD area director, McMinnville, will present plaques to county winners.

Dick McElligott, OACD president and director for Area 9, will give a short report on the national convention.

It will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow.

## Wheeler SWCD annual meet at Fossil

The Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its 11th annual meeting, Thursday, Feb. 27, 1975, 1 p.m., in the Isabel Edward's Hall, Fossil.

The program will be of interest to ranchers in the area. There will be a panel of bankers who will discuss the financial outlook for the agricultural sector.

There will also be a horizontal well demonstration and discussion by A. W. "Bud" Smith from Crestline, Ca. Smith developed his horizontal well drilling rig and has drilled several horizontal wells for livestock in Arizona, California and Nevada. He plans to drill some horizontal wells for livestock while he is here. The public is invited to attend.

### ON HONOR ROLL

William R. Jepsen, Heppner, has been named to the first semester honor roll at Washington State University, Pullman.

## Irrigon New phone books out

The engineers evaluation of construction bids for water system improvements was considered by the Irrigon City Council at their regular meeting Feb. 11. No action was taken although a recommendation had been made for an award to the apparent low bidder. Clarification of time elements relating to financing caused the delay.

A special council meeting was called Thursday when ordinances were passed concerning issuing and advertising of general obligation bonds for sale.

Mayor Chester Wilson appointed Pauline Johnson, Robert Judd, and Warren Prouty on a Citizens involvement committee for land planning and updating a comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance. Other appointments will be made for a six-member group to work with the planning commission and the council.

Information concerning housing and urban development was presented by Mayor Wilson, who attended a county meeting concerning grant funds. An initial move for a sewer system was suggested and that a preapplication form be filed for available grant funds.

The council moved to apply for a position of utility man trainee under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Mayor Chester Wilson and members of the Citizens Involvement Committee and members of the City Council, including Robert Judd, Mrs. Earl Sanders, Mrs. Vestie Elgin and Ruth Bentley, attended a Land Conservation and Development meeting for planners in Heppner Feb. 12.

A representative of the state office of LCDC was present to answer questions relative to land use planning.

The Womens Handcraft group in Irrigon have completed 16 lap robes for the nursing home in Hermiston and eight for the Heppner Hospital.

Edna Mulkins said the 10 women who have been working on these will be starting a new project soon but they plan to make more for the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla.

The women meet on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Lions Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wishing to contribute material for linings may contact Edna Mulkins, phone 922-3657.

Pacific Northwest Bell started delivering 24,400 new telephone books in Pendleton, Athena, Weston, Helix, Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo, Heppner, Lone, Lexington and Milton-Freewater areas, Feb. 18.

"This year there will be only one directory delivered to each residence," said Dale Slusher, PNB manager. "This is an effort by PNB to save paper and money, and to eliminate as many unnecessary phone books as possible."

Special inserts in the books explain that anyone needing more directories should feel free to call the number listed on the insert to request additional books.

"As a result of this new policy, PNB expects to deliver some 3,000 fewer books in this area than were handed out last year," Slusher noted. Most of the new phone books will be hand delivered by a private contractor, Product Development Corporation. Heppner customers will receive theirs by mail. A few directories also will be mailed to remote locations.

The new edition features a new directory assistance number for Pendleton. Customers are instructed to dial "411" instead of "113." Slusher explained this is part of a long-term plan to phase out "113" in Oregon.

Hermiston's D.A. number still is listed as "113." But that number will change in March when a new electronic telephone system goes into service there.

"Several emergency number listings on the emergency page inside the front cover have been changed," Slusher said. "Phone customers should check the page for the emergency numbers in their area. It would be a good idea

### PETERSON TRAINS IN ALASKA

Mountain Home, Ida.—Sgt. Kerry D. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Peterson of Lone, Ore., recently participated in Operation Jack Frost 75, a joint service winter training exercise conducted near Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sgt. Peterson is an aircraft mechanic at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, with the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing that flex missions in support of ground maneuvers.

Sgt. Peterson is a 1968 graduate of Lone High School.

## Safety rules, legislation, to be explained

Confused about the Oregon Safety Code, OSH and other farm safety legislation?

A program, "Understanding Federal and State Safety Rules and Regulations," will be held Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., at Heppner High School, Room 10.

Lee Ream, assistant area supervisor, Workmans Compensation Board, will explain the legislation, from first aid requirements to what an inspector looks for when he inspects a shop. He will also explain violations and fines for non-compliance.

## Burglaries reported

On Feb. 7, unknown persons stole an air conditioner from R. A. Chambers, contractor for Evergreen Terrace. The air conditioner was still crated and the estimated value is listed as \$280.

Michael Dunham reported to City Police that while he was shopping with his parents in Pendleton, someone entered the house at 367 Linden Way and stole \$73.80. Police are investigating the theft.

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