



A NEW EKG MACHINE was presented to Pioneer Memorial Hospital by the Oregon Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers. From the left: Frank Wickham, president of the Oregon Trail Council, Oregon Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers; Dale Anderson, district company manager of Pacific Northwest Bell; Ilene Wyman, Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator; Beatta Hensley, vice president of the Oregon Chapter, and D. J. Corboy, president of the Oregon Chapter.

Vandals damage buildings at county fairgrounds

"We will have to close the buildings to the public during the off season if this vandalism does not stop at the fair grounds," was the voiced opinion of the Fair Board at its meeting Monday, April 14. "We don't want to be forced into that kind of a position. We want the public to use those buildings, but if vandalism continues as it has this past month we will be in the red keeping up with the repairs," members continued.

During the past month the rodeo office was broken into. Next the horse barn was

broken into and 15 fluorescent lights shot out. During the last dance the plug in the floor drain in the dance hall men's rest room was removed and a beer bottle shoved down the drain. This caused a backup of sewage into the men's rest-room. A local plumber tried to break up the bottle and force it out but debris in the bottle further clogged the drain. A plumber from Hermiston will be contacted and it appears that the septic tank may have to be drained.

For the present the men's restroom in the dance hall will

be boarded up. The board estimated that it will cost a minimum of \$200 to have the problem corrected. However, the board only charges a rent of \$50 on the use of the hall and less many youth groups use the facilities without charge. The rent charges cover the cost of electricity, water and heat, not damage to the buildings.

Over the years there has been a constant problem with vandalism but not to the degree it occurred this past month. Board members pointed out that vandals hurt

themselves as the damage means less money to be spent in putting on the fair and paying premiums. The Board operates with a fixed budget. They receive money from the state racing commission. This amount has not changed over the past 5 to 7 years. To make ends meet the board has had to charge admission to the fair and raise rent charges.

"The buildings were put there for public use not the public's destruction," board members commented. "We have reported the vandalism to the Sheriff's office but that won't pay the bills."

Lions Club sponsors field day

The first annual 4-H, FFA invitational youth field day will take place this coming Saturday at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Under sponsorship of the Heppner Lions Club, participants in the various events are expected from a 10 county area of Eastern Oregon.

Entrants will register at 9 a.m. with the first event, livestock judging, beginning

at 10 a.m. Other events such as Home economics judging, tractor driving, 4-H dog show and leather craft judging will also begin at 10 a.m.

Following a noon lunch served by the Lions, presentations, FFA public speaking contest and bicycle skill demonstration will head the afternoon program beginning at 1 p.m.

Awards for teams and

individuals will be presented as close to 3 p.m. as possible, so those driving long distances will have an early start home.

The field day will have something of interest to all people of the community and their attendance is welcomed for the entire days activities.

Events of interest include displays by both the 4-H clubs and FFA chapters. Leather craft demonstrations, clothing displays, textile painting, tote painting, bread display and skills of FFA members. The 4-H bike club will demonstrate their skills in the bicycle obstacle course and safety demonstrations. 4-H girls will show how to make pin cushions and homemade pur-

ses. One of the purses will be won by some lucky person. The booths will be set up in the pavilion.

Of special interest to the children, will be the children's corner. Here youngsters may pet the small animals that will be displayed there.

Those needing to be qualified for tractor driving will be accredited upon successfully completing the driving course. There is much interest in this phase of the show and if it continues it may be necessary to have two courses for the entrants.

For further information concerning the field day, contact any of the committee, Dick Sargent, Mike Howell or Neil Parks.



QUILT DISPLAYED BY MRS. DON HELIKER, lone, dated 1838, made in Orange County, N.Y., by members of the Graves family. (Mrs. Heliker's great-great-grandmother.) Wool coverlet was made with hand picked wool, spun and hand woven.

Port of Morrow holds business meeting

The Port of Morrow agreed to a four year bond covering leaks that may develop in the 30 inch waste water line.

Pacific West Construction Co. of Salem, have already relayed 1,400 feet of the line to correct numerous small leaks. There remains a leak of 230 gallons per hour that tests have not located. "It will probably seal itself" was the report given by Port Manager, Rupert Kennedy.

The large line will carry effluent from the processing plants at the Port to the sprinkler systems. There are several hundred acres of Port land under solid set and circle sprinkler systems.

Plans are to run the pumps 24 hours a day for a 10 month period, or while the processing plants are operating. The project is nearing completion and will soon be in operation.

Bids for two buildings to cover the pumps was approved by the commissioners in their regular session held last Thursday. The buildings are of special design to allow removal of the pumps through the roof.

At the request of the

Boardman Vector Control District, the Port will allot \$125 to aid in the mosquito control program.

At the request of manager Kennedy, an ordinance will be adopted requiring utilities and others to get Port permission before installing underground or overhead lines. It is necessary for the Port to know the location of such lines and to know if they are installed properly. There have been instances where work wasn't completed in a satisfactory manner.

Greater fire protection for buildings in the Port will result with the installation of additional fire hydrants near the processing plants.

Kennedy reported increased interest by businesses that would extract certain substances from the processing plant effluents. Starches, caustics, are some of the products that could be recovered resulting in additional business for the Port.

May 8 will be the next regular meeting of the Port Commission. This will be the budget meeting.

Work can progress

Reservoir problem solved at city council meeting

At a special meeting of the Heppner Common Council, Monday night, negotiations of terms between the City of Heppner and the Parker-Hosmit Corp., were agreed upon for the access road, easements and site for the new reservoir.

The agreements came after a meeting of the negotiation committee and members of the Parker-Hosmit Corp. Terms were discussed at the meeting last Wednesday night, with only minor changes to be ratified.

The changes were submitted to the attorney for the corporation who notified city attorney, Robert Abrams that his clients would agree to the terms of the agreement. In exchange a one-inch water line is to be run to the Fred Hoskins property from the existing water main.

When the final document was signed Tuesday, the city then notified the contractor, Stadel Pump and Construction Co., Beaverton, Or., that they have been awarded the contract for the reservoir and may now proceed with the project.

The Heppner Common Council refused at an earlier date to award the contract to the contractor until all necessary papers for the reservoir site, access road and the easements were signed by the Parker-Hosmit Corp.

In other business the council

—Approved a new water rate increase to become effective

July 1. The new water rates will be increased as follows: residence, minimum for the first 1,000 gallons, \$3.50; motels, minimum for the first 1,000 gallons, \$3.50; apartment house per unit for the first 1,000 gallons, \$3.50; commercial rate for the first 1,000 gallons, \$4.25; outside the city limits, minimum for the first 1,000 gallons, \$5.25. For the next 2,000 gallons, per 100 gallons or fraction thereof .05; next 10,000 gallons, per 100 gallons or fraction thereof .15; all over 13,000 gallons per 100 gallons or fraction thereof .10.

—An agreement with Richard Peck to remove rubbish from the city dump was approved by a 4-2 vote of the council. Council members felt if he removes some of the debris from the dump, it would be an improvement. He proposes to remove tin cans, wire and other salvagable material from the site.

—Agreed to have the city crews make the necessary repairs to Court and Chase Streets by placing cold mix across the trenches created by other parties. The other parties will be notified of the city's intentions and they will be billed for the work.

—Tabled an application for a building permit for Joseph Wilhelm, for installation of a mobile home.

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Director of RSVP speaks at chamber of commerce meeting

"I have spoken before the Lions and Rotarian groups, but this is the first time I have ever addressed a Chamber of Commerce," said June Wagner, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She spoke at the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

She told of the need for programs in the area and of the projects that senior citizens are involved in. "Watching television and playing cards become stale after a while," continued Wagner and most senior citizens want a chance to do something creative.

She showed a movie to the members which depicted activities of other RSVP programs senior citizens are participating in.

Some of these activities include helping youth groups with sewing, stuffing envelopes for various concerns, maintaining records for museums, and in some cases they are teaching in schools.

The senior citizens want to be active and able to associate with other people.

In California, a group of

senior citizens formed their own band and entertained at hospitals and wherever they are needed. By doing so they are remaining active after retirement.

In the case of the older women teaching the youngster how to sew, they are spending more and more time with the youngster and are enjoying life more by keeping active.

In one case the senior citizens were taught the art of weaving and as one woman remarked, "I thought I was too old to learn, but this is something I have wanted to learn all my life. Now that I am retired I have that opportunity."

Wagner said, "We are receiving requests for help here in Morrow County, and one of the biggest jobs is finding something for the senior citizens to do."

There is a need for help in the Neighborhood Center and with the Bicentennial. Some of the older citizens could volunteer for help in keeping the museum open. Besides cataloging some of the information they could act as guides at the museum.

The RSVP program is federally funded by ACTION, the federal agency for volunteer service and was started about three years ago. About a year and a half ago it was started in Morrow County through the Blue Mountain Community College.

On April 28, Blue Mountain Community College will host a senior citizens day. Transportation will be furnished to Pendleton and back. Anyone wishing further information is asked to contact the Heppner Neighborhood Center, 676-3871.

Youths arrested for theft

Kenneth Howard Cox, Lexington, reported to the Sheriff's department the theft of a chain saw and a five-gallon gas can on Monday, April 7.

On April 10, David Vern Shermer, 19, Heppner and Robert Louis Miller, 18, also of Heppner were arrested by the Sheriff's office and charged with the theft of the chain saw and gas can. They were both charged with Theft II and both men plead guilty to the crime. They were fined \$150 each and ordered to pay for the repairs to the chain saw.

Friday Heppner City Police arrested David Vern Shermer,

and charged him with criminal mischief II for throwing a beer bottle through the window of Peterson's Jewelry Store.

Shermer posted bail of \$105 and was released. He is to appear in Justice Court, April 17, at 10 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

The Morrow County School District will hold its regular board meeting April 21. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon.



Students who will participate in the musical play, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," are from the left: Tammi Hams, Martha McElligott, Paula Lindstrom, Mike Conklin, Dan McElligott and in the second row is Jerry Rietmann.