



Number 5 Public School, Ione, Oregon built in 1896. (Courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.)

Health programs discussed

Bob Ewell, Tri-county health service officer was guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

A survey of the three counties (Wheeler, Morrow and Gilliam) is planned where residents will be asked to complete a simple form and return it to the health service department.

Questions included in the survey will be: Are we presently meeting the needs of the people of the community? Do we have the proper facilities for hospitalization? Are more dentists needed in the area? What types of illness are the most prevalent?

One of the main goals of the program is to provide the best medical service available to the residents of the three counties. Some of the problems facing Ewell are the expansion of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital, especially the emergency room. Present facilities can handle only one patient at a time and the x-ray room could be expanded. Plans have been proposed for a hold type room for both alcoholics and drug abuse victims.

"Highly sophisticated cases are not feasible to consider at this time, said Ewell, "as our main concern is to provide the best medical services the counties can afford."

Recently a radio system was installed in the ambulances in Spray, Heppner, Mitchel, Arlington, Condon and Fossil. This new system enables the ambulance to speak directly with hospitals located in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. It allows the driver of the vehicle to transmit to the hospital the nature of the patient's illness and be certain that medical attention is

available. In many cases a patient has to be transported to another hospital because of the lack of facilities at the hospital. Should this be the case the ambulance will take the patient directly to the desired hospital for treatment. The radio system is connected to the sheriff's department vehicles.

Another plan is to stabilize the present hospital and clinic needs. In the three counties nurse practitioners are relieving the doctors of some of the duties. They are allowed to

prescribe certain medicines and will examine a patient when necessary. Should the patient wish to visit the doctor, the nurse practitioner will make the appointment with the required clinic. The visiting doctor to the area oversees the nurse practitioner.

The present program is a 100 per cent federally funded program for a three year period, however, another budget will be scheduled this spring, to continue the long-range program.



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Two years work

Water system nears completion

City Engineer Steve Anderson gave the Heppner Common Council an update of the city's water system at the regular meeting, Monday night.

Referring to the water system in stages, Anderson remarked Stage One had some problems but they have been corrected to date. With Stage Two, there were some problems with the chlorination of the line. The bacteria samples submitted to the State for approval were approved, although there is a high plate count in the sample due to the iron content in the water. According to Anderson the plate count gives the bacteria samples a negative count. Anderson suggested the use of a hyper-chlorinator placed in the line to alleviate the situation.

The water problem which arose last summer was caused by the city not being able to mix the water from the various wells at that time. Anderson told the council when the automated controls are completed and the water properly mixed the water would not have a sulfur smell or any iron taste. The well in mention is used only two-three months per year, as a back up well for the city's water supply.

Stage Three, the restoration and repair work to the existing reservoirs, has been completed and the work should be satisfactory to the city.

Stage Three (A and C) the construction of the new reservoir is completed and the reservoir should be chlorinated soon. The contractor installing the automatic control system has asked for an extension of time as the work will not be completed by the required date. After some discussion the council voted to grant the contractor an extension.

"Although we had some problems with the installation of the water system, I feel the entire project went rather smoothly," said Anderson.

Anderson spoke of the matching funds received by the city for the construction of a new bridge at Morgan St. The city also received a \$25,000 grant for the bridge construction, making the city's cost of the construction \$1,400 for the entire project. The bridge will be designed within the next two weeks and will be submitted to the State for their approval. Anderson has been notified the State will take another 10-12 weeks before allowing bids to be accepted for the work. Anderson predicted the bridge will be completed in the summer of next year.

A request was received by the city asking that two-way traffic be allowed in Morgan St. There is only one-way traffic on the upper part of Morgan St. at the present time and this situation creates a problem, as fuel trucks have to contact the city police in order to deliver fuel to their customers, as they are traveling the wrong way on the present street. All heavy trucks are prohibited from using the existing Morgan St. bridge as it has been declared unsafe for heavy traffic.

The council voted to accept the recommendation after consulting with Police Chief Dean Gilman. Proper signs are to be posted along Morgan St.

In other business to come before the council:

Police Chief Dean Gilman asked the council's permission to accept bids for the purchase of a new police car. Approved by the council. In his monthly police report Chief Gilman reported that city officers had arrested 14 persons for various traffic violations including driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, 12 vehicle warnings and 9 bicycle warnings had been issued. Chief Gilman reported \$254.87 had been collected from the parking meters.

Two building permit applications were approved by the council in the Lott-Rasmussen Addition. A permit for a two-story dwelling for Elyyn Bell, lot 4, block 1 was approved. The structure will cost \$34,900 when completed.

Another application for a single family dwelling for William Goss, lot 7, block 2 was approved. The estimated cost of the new structure is \$25,000. Both homes will be constructed by Boise Cascade Co.

Ordinance 395 was adopted by the council Monday night. Although the council had approved the ordinance at the last regular meeting the ordinance lacked proper publication and had to be re-adopted by the council.

Approved an application from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for Pioneer Memorial Hospital for a health care facility, the nursing home.

Approved a request from Cal Sherman for the installation of two new street lights in Willow View Drive. Sherman remarked visibility is limited in the area and high school students cannot be seen when walking in the area.

Approved a sanitation agreement with Cliff Green for a period of one year.

Accepted a contract with the rural fire protection district with the stipulation the district submit to the city a summary of their costs for the preceding year.

Approved a trailer house disposal service hook-up for Bill Brannon at his body repair shop. Brannon is to pay the regular sewer connection fee plus a monthly sewer charge.

Approved the County Fair Board's request to hook up to the city sewer main. The connection must be properly engineered and pass the specifications of the DEQ prior to the hookup.

Rejected an offer from the district attorney's office for the city to pay costs for transportation and subpoenas for a case to be prosecuted by his office. The case was referred to juvenile court and has been turned over to Justice Court, for prosecution. Primarily the arrest had been made by city police.

Rodeo princess tryouts

Tryouts for Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Princess will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, 1 p.m., at the Morrow County Rodeo Grounds.

To compete in the tryouts, girls must be 16 years of age and a junior in high school and they must be Morrow County residents.

Applications are being sent to the high schools within the county stating the necessary requirements.

Girls wishing to try out should assemble at the rodeo grounds at 12:30. There will be an orientation prior to the try-outs. Candidates will need to have a horse with them. They will be judged by a nine-member selection committee on their riding ability, a short extemporaneous speech, poise and personality.

One of the stipulations for the riding part of the tryouts is that a girl must bring a horse to the tryouts, not necessarily the horse she plans to ride during the rodeo. She must wear a hat and comfortable clothes for the tryouts.

Any girl planning to enter is asked to complete an application blank and return it to Dennis Doherty, rodeo secretary in advance of the tryouts.

Schools

closed Friday

All schools in Morrow County will be closed Friday, Oct. 10, due to a teachers in-service day. Teachers will be attending classes at various locations.

Heppner child center celebrates birthday

This October marks the first anniversary of the Heppner Child Development Center. The occasion was celebrated with birthday cake for the children, staff and board members. Carnation corsages were given to the staff members.

Monica Swanson, director of the center, explained "from not quite twenty-five dollars and one large bare room to this." The empty room now has been decorated into a brightly painted center that cares for almost thirty children. Partitions divide the room into six areas, story time, library, arts and crafts, motor activity, dress-up and the nursery.

It was over a year ago that a few local residents felt there was a need for a center. Meetings were held, inquiries made, and local support was promised. A board of directors were elected, they were Linda Johnson, Carol Goodyear, Anne Doherty, Joyce Grasser and Don Cole, Cathy Peck, and Monica Swanson was hired as director.

It was then Monica and the directors saw the support from the community become a realization. Kinzua Corp. donated all the lumber, Morrow County Grain Growers, the hardware, Hal Whitaker and the F.F.A. boys built the partitions, Lions Club, the fence, Beta Omega painted, and the staff made the curtains. Carpets, nursery furniture, books, toys and many other items were donated or loaned to the Center. October 1 arrived, and the Center opened, and it now has a staff with Monica Swanson, director; LDee Lorengal, head teacher, Edna Struthers, Anna Mae Steagall, Rita Heath, Sally Winters, teacher helpers and Eva Griffith, cook. Also employed there are high school students.

This non-profit Center offers day care services for children

10 years of age and younger. Activities provide opportunity for children to learn to get along and share with other children. Educational toys are provided for the children's play. After school programs for older children are available.

The center located in facilities donated for public use by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Federal funds are available under the 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care) program for families where both

parents are working or for single parents (families in which the single parent is working). The rate is a sliding fee depending on the family income.

The center is certified by the state and federal governments and must meet all their regulations to provide a clean facility. The center is certified for a maximum of 30 children.

A board of directors meeting was held and new directors were elected: Linda Johnson, chairperson, Carol Goodyear, secretary, Anne Doherty, Joyce Grasser, Bill

Shearson and Nova Gaylord.

There is still a need for safe toys, carpets, cribs and playpens that could be donated or loaned to the center. Also for someone who could fix toys or read to the children. Senior citizen volunteers are welcome.

The center also has a volunteer program set up for the parents. One-half hour of free babysitting for every hour volunteered.

Interested people should contact Monica Swanson, 676-9246, or drop by the Center at 560 N. Minor Street.



Hal Whitaker receives a Voluntary Service Award from Monica Swanson. The award was presented to Whitaker for outstanding volunteer work in Human Services, in recognition of his voluntary contributions to the families and children of Oregon for 1975. Whitaker was responsible for building the partitions, lockers and the fence for the Heppner Child Development Center. Swanson submitted his name to the 4-C's Council, Pendleton.