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Gremlins, ghosts, goblins and ghouls invaded Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Oct. 31. These 5-year old youngsters of the Elementary School kindergarten class visited the patients in the nursing home for their "tricks or treats."

Foster home needed in Morrow County

"There is a need for foster and shelter homes in Morrow County," said Bill Sheribon, service worker for the State of Oregon's Children's Services Division, at the Chamber of Commerce Monday. "At present some of the youngsters in the county are being sent to other counties to be cared for, because of the lack of homes," continued Sheribon.

Sheribon explained the difference between shelter and foster homes saying, "A shelter home agrees to care for children on a temporary basis, usually one to two weeks, while a foster home will care for youngsters for an indefinite period of time. Citing an example, Sheribon said some foster homes have been caring for the same children for the past 10 years.

According to Sheribon children can be removed from the parents care in two ways, either by the parents consent or by a court order. In some cases the family feels they cannot cope with the problems of their children and ask that they be placed in foster homes.

If the parents consent the children will be placed in foster homes until the problems are resolved. When this is accomplished the children are returned to their parents.

If there is a case of child abuse or neglect the court may take the children from their parents, for in some cases the court decides the children should not be allowed to remain at home. In cases of child abuse and neglect the police make the preliminary investigation and report their findings to the Children's Service.

To qualify as a foster parent application may be made to the Children's Service and agree to a few basic rules. A simple investigation of the home and sanitation facilities are conducted by the department.

Prior to placing children in foster homes the foster parents are consulted and the children's problem explained to the foster parents. "Some foster parents will accept children with certain problems only," said Sheribon.

In addition to foster and shelter homes the Division also provides many other services. The division will make referrals for family planning. They will help teenage parents who have problems. In some cases the teenage parents need advice for setting up a budget and the young bride may have to learn household skills.

They will aid unwed mothers and discuss the problems of abortion or placing the child for adoption.

Other programs include providing child care to mothers who are in the hospital or at home recovering. Housekeeping facilities are provided if the Children's Service feel a mother is incapable of taking care of her home and children due to illness.

The children of mothers on special training programs are cared for by the State and the children are provided with medical care of the family is on a low income bracket.

The Children's Service takes care of families who have a problem and a fee is charged to the family by use of a sliding scale. The fee may vary from \$1-10 depending on the families' income.

Sheribon concluded saying, "This is a newly formed agency, formed literally overnight, and while many of the departments do not have enough staff we will try to offer any assistance we can; if we cannot help we will refer you to someone who can be of assistance."

Guest speaker for next Monday will be Dennis Logan, president of Western Empire Builders who will offer his rebuttal to the proposed initiative to ban corporate farming in Oregon.

18 mile chase ends in fine

Tommy Ray Ayers, 19, appeared in Justice Court Tuesday and pleaded guilty to four major traffic violations. Ayers had been arrested by the Heppner City Police, Oct. 31, and charged with the following offenses: attempting to elude, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, driving with a blood alcohol content of .15 or over and driving while suspended.

Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor fined Ayers \$555 for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and for having a blood alcohol content of .15 or over.

Judge O'Connor suspended \$255 for driving while suspended and \$505 for attempt-

ing to elude the police. Ayers was placed on probation to the court. He must attend the Mental Health Clinic and make a monthly report to the court. He was also ordered to attend a traffic safety school.

Judge O'Connor further stipulated that Ayers must not frequent any bars or taverns or purchase any intoxicating liquor during his probation. If he fails to comply with the court's decision he will be taken into custody and the fine plus sentence could be imposed.

Ayers was arrested by Heppner City Police following an 18 mile chase up Willow Creek.

45th annual meeting

Agronomist tell wheat farmers like it is

"Wheat is important politically and the federal government is using wheat prices to influence political decision," said Dr. Norman Goetze, extension agronomist for Oregon State University, speaking before the 45th annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Monday night.

"The price of wheat is on the lips of every consumer and they are being told how important wheat prices are to the cost of living; however, this is not true, as we are being used to their political advantage and they will continue using us through the election year.

Today we have a sensitive wheat market. Back in the 1950-60s wheat farmers waited for the price of wheat to raise a nickle and then sold at the high price. Today we have a surplus of wheat and a rapid fluctuation in wheat prices.

In 1840 there was no market for wheat in Oregon and Washington, however, by 1850 there was a surplus as the wheat grown by Oregon farmers had been exported to California during the Gold Rush. In 1883 we were actively engaged in raising wheat and by 1900 we had a surplus.

The total wheat market is based on exports and the wheat market is based on the world market.

At one time Morocco and Turkey were world leaders in growing wheat, now they are our best customers for purchasing wheat.

World wide wheat is not meeting world production. Today we have less than one per cent of wheat on hand and it is going to get worse. When it is a buyer's market, quality is a factor.

Soft white wheat sold for 20 cents a bushel less than red winter wheat, only because there was a scarcity of red winter wheat.

Then Russia became a buyer in the U.S. wheat market and the traditional foreign customers who had under-bought in the past had to buy more wheat the same year, making a dwindling supply of the wheat the U.S. had to sell.

Now foreign countries have their own problems, the wealthy countries are concerned with the energy crisis and the high cost that goes with it while the poor nations have no money to meet the cost of feeding the starving people or to meet the energy crisis. Thus the amount of wheat purchased by the foreign market will have to go down.

Dr. Goetze predicted wheat prices won't go above \$5 per bushel or below \$3 per bushel during the election year. Either party can hold the prices down and the consumers will go up in arms if the price increases, above his predicted \$5 per bushel.

Consumption is expanding more than production and one major crop failure in a major export area would be disastrous.

If the price of wheat continues to go down the wheat farmer should take a good look at the corn market, for corn will be used for food. "Corn is the dog and wheat is the tail."

Wheat farmers as a group should consider a better contract. If the Portland price looks good today, you should have sold your wheat yesterday.

If you still have your 1975 wheat crop and haven't sold it, how much of next year's crop will you sell at this present price?

You can profit if you make smaller sales, rather than waiting to make one big one at top price. Too many farmers are trying to beat their neighbor rather than their accountant.

He advised the farmers to pick a price with a reasonable profit and then sell at that price. When you make a commitment to sell at a certain price, honor it, as the future market is based on your sale.

Following Dr. Goetze's speech the regular meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers was conducted. Nominated to the board of directors were Roy Martin, Lyle Peck, Gary Grieb and John Ledbetter. Associate directors include Bob Stevens, Ned Clark, Paul Hisler Jr., Bob Harrison and Ron Becket.

Manager Larry Mills read the agreement between the United States and the U.S.S.R. which will continue until 1981. He concluded saying, "The State Department negotiated the agreement without any input from the growers."

D.O. Nelson and Tad Miller were presented desk sets for their many years of service on the board of directors.

Following the regular meeting a special board of directors meeting was held and Gene Majeske was elected vice-president for the ensuing years.



DR. NORMAN GOETZE

Heppner water system nearing completion

Farley Motors low bid of \$3,657 for a new police car plus the trade-in of the present police vehicle was accepted by the Heppner common council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The council accepted the request by Columbia Basin Electric, Milo Prindle and Howard Cleveland to vacate a certain portion of Campbell St. Access to an existing fire hydrant will be granted to the city to maintain its fire protection policy.

A new chlorinator for the swimming pool was accepted on the recommendation of Steve Anderson, city engineer, who drafted the proposal at the last regular meeting.

Mayor Sweeney reported he had talked with Anderson recently and was advised that the city's water system is 95 per cent completed. All that remains is the installation of a float valve at reservoir No. 5.

The panel for the automatic control system to be installed in the City Hall has not been completed by the manufacturer as yet, as he is unable to obtain some of the electrical components. With this in mind Anderson recommended to the mayor that the contractor be granted an extension of time. The contractor hopes to have the panel installed by Nov. 21. The council approved Anderson's recommendation.

The council approved alteration and repair applications for Bud Marshall and Harold Cornutt. A new structure permit for Hubert Wilson was approved for a mobile home. The permit had been referred to the Planning Commission

for its approval.

An application for Oscar Crook, 305 Linden Way for the placing of a mobile home on his property, approved by the Planning Commission was tabled by the common council. Two citations have been issued to Crook for illegally hooking up to the city's water and sewer system without city approval. Crook was fined \$50 and ordered to pay the regular water connection fee of \$230. Norman Paulus was also fined \$50 for allowing Crook to hook up to his sewer and water system, while Crook was awaiting city approval.

A 60-day time extension request was granted to Ilene Wyman for the construction of a new residence at Chase and Cannon Streets.

In the absence of Police Chief Dean Gilman, Mayor Sweeney read the police report. During the past month, city police have issued 58 citations and 38 warnings.

Mayor Sweeney advised the

SCHOOL BOARD TO OPEN BIDS FOR BONDS

The Morrow County School District Board of Directors recessed the meeting of Oct. 20, after approving a resolution to advertise for the sale of the bonds approved at the recent bond election.

The Board will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, at the Lexington District Office for the purpose of opening and disposing of the bids received for such bids.

Bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 will be issued to mature serially for a period of twelve years.

city attorney to meet with the district attorney and make the necessary arrangements to have Justice Court handle the cities court cases and split the fees. Mayor Sweeney referred to SB. 889 which allows small communities to enter into agreements with justice courts.

The council voted the approval of the drafting of a letter explaining the specific duties of the planning commission. "The planning commission is not a tool of the council, they have great authority as defined under Oregon law," said Mayor

Jerry Sweeney, however, the city has the final authority on cases appealed to the city.

Mayor Sweeney also told the council the application for the construction of the bridge at Morgan St. is presently in Washington, D.C. awaiting final approval. Once approval is granted the plans and specifications will be completed and submitted to the various agencies.

Mike Sweeney told the council Hager Park has been accepted by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and construction is scheduled to begin in the near future.

Veterans Day Nov. 11, in 1978

Oregon joins with 45 other states this year in the observance of Veterans Day on the traditional Nov. 11 date, H.C. Saalfeld, Dept. of Veterans Affairs director, reported.

This marks the third year in a row that Oregon will have observed the original date of Veterans Day, in contrast to the federal date of the fourth Monday in October as set by Congress in 1968.

Now, Congress belatedly has changed the national date back to Nov. 11, according to Saalfeld, but the switch will not take effect until 1978, primarily to give calendar makers time to make the change.

So, federal agencies continued this year to observe the fourth Monday in October—the 27th of the month this

year—as Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 will be a holiday for state and local government employees and for banks, public schools and some community colleges.

Saalfeld said Congress passed legislation in 1968 to change the national observance of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. Nearly all the states, including Oregon, followed suit but pressure from the veterans' organizations reversed this legislation state by state and in 1973 the Oregon legislature restored the observance to Nov. 11.

Forty-six states by this year had returned to the traditional date and finally the current Congress has fallen in line, Saalfeld said.



BILL SHERIBON