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Tri-county health has new programs

Bob Ewell, Tri-counties health officer who recently returned from a three-day symposium in Washington, D.C. was the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

He spoke to the congressional people relating to them the need for health services in rural areas.

Ewell spoke of the increase in out patients at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and stated that out patients have increased 200 per cent from the 1974-75 to the 1976-77 period. He further stated, the number of days spent by patients in the hospital has decreased.

In the Condon and Fossil area patients are treated by nurse practitioners and they are utilizing out patient care without patients having to leave the area for secondary care.

At the present time there are five major programs that are being implemented to improve the health delivery system:

1. Out-Reach worker (Home Health Aide)
These individuals have been specially trained to go out into homes pre-designated by health professionals and provide home care. Guidelines and policies have been developed that these individuals must adhere to. They are presently monitored by either a physician or a nurse practitioner. When the third nurse practitioner is hired that person will monitor the program.

2. Radio Communications.
Through assistance from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, communication equipment has been placed in all of the area's hospital and ambulances to allow for a unified medical communication network. Additionally a paging system is being developed that will allow more mobility of the health professionals.

3. Health Needs.
A survey has been developed that will allow us to determine the future needs of the project area. This survey was distributed to all households in the tri-counties area through the cooperation of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. The purpose of the survey is to determine the needs of the local residents and to match this with current conditions to develop a comprehensive plan for the future.

4. Linkage with the University of Oregon Medical School.
A program has been developed with the Masters program at the Medical School for the placement of student nurse practitioners in the Fossil and Condon Clinics for up to six weeks as a lab exercise. A similar type program is being developed with the family practice resident program.

5. Alcohol and Detoxification Room.
Currently it is necessary to take individuals who require observation or treatment to the State Hospital for admission. Once admitted to the hospital, it is usually a minimum of 30 days before discharge can be arranged. With the acquisition of a holding room at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, this current procedure would not be required, as the necessary personnel and facilities for renovation are available now.

While the final plans for the addition to Pioneer Memorial Hospital are not completed at the present time, Ewell estimates the cost would be approximately \$55,000. This would include expansion of the present laboratory and renovation of the present out patient clinic.

Ewell also stressed the need for an out patient type clinic in the Boardman area. Final approval from the Robert Wood Foundation is pending. If the foundation approves the grant it will allow us to build and staff the clinic for a 24 month period.

A third nurse practitioner is being recruited for the Tri-county Area. This individual will serve a dual role, as a relief for the current two practitioners and as a monitor to the home health aide (out-reach) program.

An additional fourth nurse practitioner is contemplated for the north end of Morrow County which is presently seeing a great influx of population due to the expansion of agri-business.

One distinction that has to be presented is that this program is not being totally federally supported, but rather, the large majority of financial support is derived from the counties involved. Both nurse practitioners will be county employees, where they were once National Health Service Corps personnel.

County Schools to Graduate Seniors

Morrow County High Schools will graduate 161 seniors throughout the coming week. This year's graduating class represents the largest graduating class in the county since the school district was formed in 1960.

Riverside High School, Boardman, will graduate 32 seniors tonight, Thursday evening with ceremonies held at the high school gymnasium. Commencement exercises begin at 7:30 p.m.



CATHERINE McELLIOTT



TERRY McELLIOTT



STEVE JONES



TIM SKOW

Riverside High School class representatives will address parents and friends on behalf of the graduating class at the graduation ceremonies. Students who will address the audience are: Peggy Brandt, president of the student body at Riverside High School; Lori Schnell, student body secretary; Mary Ann Proctor, student body treasurer; Mark Adams, representing the student council, Future Farmers of America and the Letterman's Club.

Riverside High School does not traditionally choose a valedictorian or salutatorian, so twelve honor students will be recognized.

Friday evening May 21, 26 lone High School graduates will receive diplomas in a ceremony scheduled for 8 p.m. at the lone gymnasium.

Theresa Ann McElligott and Catherine Cecilia McElligott have been named valedictorian and salutatorian for the lone graduating class of 1976. They will be given award trophies at graduation exercises scheduled for Friday, May 21 in the lone High School gymnasium.

Theresa leads her class with over a 3.6 grade point average. She has been active in school athletics, student government and cheerleading. During the current year she has served as president of the Girls Athletic Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McElligott. She plans to attend Carroll College and study dental hygiene.

Catherine has a 3.5 grade point average. She, also, has been active in athletics, student government and cheerleading. During the current year she has served as president of the National Honor Society and editor of the school paper. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick McElligott. She plans to major in nursing at Oregon State University.

Sunday evening, May 23, 46 Heppner High School seniors will receive their diplomas in the graduation ceremonies slated for the Heppner High School gymnasium.

Robert Steven Jones and Timothy David Skow have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian for the Heppner High School graduating class of 1976.

Jones is a member of the National Honor Society and editor of the high school paper. He has been active in drama, member of the Thespians, president of the senior class and a member of Who's Who in American High Schools for the past two years.

Jones plans to work as senior life guard for the City of Heppner during the summer. In the fall he plans to attend Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA where he has been accepted. He plans to major in biology and chemistry in college and has set his goal on chemical research after his completion of college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Heppner.

Tim Skow is a member of the National Honor Society. During the past three years at Heppner High School he has lettered in baseball, football and basketball. He was chosen as one of the top scholars in the Elks National Foundation for the Most Valuable Student in both scholarship and leadership on the local level and earned \$300 toward the college of his choice.

He plans to attend Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, majoring in political science, later branching into politics. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skow, Heppner.

Voters Reject Levy

Voters in the City of Heppner defeated the budget levy for the fiscal year 76-77 by a vote of more than 2 1/2 to 1. The final tally showed the residents voted 93 yes and 259 no against the proposed levy.

Because the tax base is inadequate it was necessary to submit to the voters a tax levy request in excess of the tax base. The operating budget to be financed by the voters amounted to \$93,866 greater than the preceding year.

Reasons for submitting the proposed levy to the voters was the loss of revenue sharing funds plus the increase in costs of equipment and supplies contracted services and materials, employment salaries, social security, workmen's compensation, which are all necessary for the operation and maintenance of the city.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney commented upon hearing of the election results, "I thought the issue would be defeated, however, the council voted to place the issue before the voters, now there is nothing left but to cut the non-essential services." This may also

mean an increase in both water and sewer rates depending on the recommendations of the budget committee.

"The common council voted to ask the residents for their assistance in passing the levy, now that the levy has been defeated the people should have no complaints with the council for it's action in the future."

Some of the non-essential items referred to by Mayor Sweeney are the swimming pool, the library, the loss of a man on the city, street crew and the possibility of the loss of a police officer. The proposed raise offered the city employees may have to be forfeited and the people of the city will lose most of the general services.

"People of the community are tired of having their taxes raised," said Mayor Sweeney, but there just isn't any money to run the city for the coming year, and some cuts will have to be made." Members of the budget committee and the common council do not like this task but they have no alternative, the voters decided that issue," said Mayor Sweeney.

School Board meets at Boardman

The Morrow County School District held its regular meeting at Riverside High School, Boardman, Monday night.

Bert Arndt, field representative for First Federal Savings and Loan proposed a mobile unit be placed on school property to transact business in the Boardman area. His proposal was referred to the school advisory committee for consideration at its next meeting.

The district office has submitted a price for the usage of office space for the Morrow County Health Nurse. An agreement was reached Monday night when the school board accepted \$50 per month from the county as rental fee.

Superintendent of Schools Matt Doherty reported construction is progressing at all of the school sites with the exception of A.C. Houghton Elementary School, where a slight problem has come up concerning the Department of Environmental Quality. According to Doherty this problem will soon be resolved. At the other construction sites work is progressing satisfactorily.

The following certificated people who were offered contracts for the coming year were approved by the board: Deanna Brickman, language arts, Ione; Diana Conley, 4th grade, A. C. Houghton; Gary Oisen, 6th grade, A.C. Houghton, William Killingbeck, Junior High, Riverside; Chris Borgen, English and basketball coach, Heppner High School.

The following action was also taken for hiring bus drivers. LaVerne Bozarth replaces Bob Hardwood, Riverside and Bob Baker replaces Linda LaRue, Ione.

Letters of resignation were accepted from Ellen Nussbaum who plans to leave the area to be married. Don Fluke principal at Ione High School has resigned to become school superintendent at Woodland, WA and Virginia Libertz has taken another teaching position at Beaverton.

Bids for replacement of the windows at Heppner Elementary School were rejected and the board authorized the school superintendent to re-advertise for bids for the required work.



President Gerald R. Ford will arrive at Pendleton Sunday for a public address at 1 p.m. at Happy Canyon. Ford will be met at the Pendleton Airport by GOP and local officials, including Joe Burns and G.M. [Jerry] Reed of Hermiston. According to Jim Hunter, staff assistant to the President, Ford will be at Happy Canyon for approximately one and one half hours. The program also will feature music by the Pendleton and Milton-Freewater High School Bands. Ford will depart Pendleton at about 3 p.m. for stops in Portland and Medford.

Former Editor Dies

Otheo G. Crawford, 90, Lincoln City, OR, died May 17 at a Lincoln City nursing home.

Mr. Crawford was born March 19, 1886, at Waitesburg, WA, the youngest son of Jasper and Elizabeth Crawford. He came to Heppner with his parents in 1901, and they made their home here until 1916.

In 1942 he returned to Heppner to become, with his wife, owners and publishers of the Heppner Gazette-Times. Mr. Crawford was the last of the Crawfords to operate the paper.

He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church of Lincoln City, The Masonic Lodge of Heppner, and Past President of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, 1947.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. James Episcopal church, Lincoln City. Concluding services and interment at Warrenton, Oregon.

He is survived by his widow,



Rosamond, Lincoln City; a daughter, Jean Dunham, Lincoln City; granddaughter, Pamela Dunham, San Jose, CA; and a sister, Gertrude Parker, Heppner. Also surviving are 6 nieces, Virginia Turner, Eugene; Margaret Hayes, Joseph; Janet Jones, Montesano, WA; Frances Mitchell, Kathryn Hoskins and Cora Mae Ferguson, all of Heppner; and nephews Vawter Parker, Hood River; John Parker, Portland; and Arthur Crawford, San Jose, CA.



University of Portland commencement ceremonies were a family affair for the McElligott family of Ione. Donald C.J. McElligott served as Honorary Grand Marshal, representing the alumni. He is flanked by his children, Mary Margaret

who earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing, and Peter Gregory, who received a bachelor of business administration degree. Ceremonies were held May 9.